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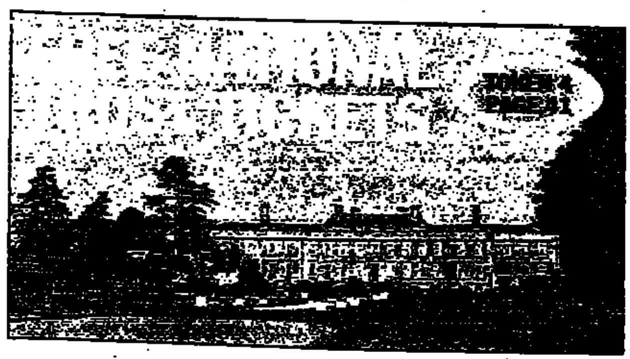

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Summit sets up security partnership

Russia and Nato bury the Cold War

By Michael Evans, Ben Macintyre and Our Foreign Staff

NATO and Russia blew away the last breath of the Cold War yesterday by signing an accord that paves the way for the strongest military alliance in history.

The "Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Co-operation and Security" was hailed as ending half a century of division in Europe — and the ceremony at a one-day summit in Paris so enthused President Yeltsin that he astonished the Nato leaders with an impromptu promise that he would remove the warheads from nuclear weapons pointing at their countries.

That would have been the boldest unilateral move since President Reagan alarmed his officials by announcing at a summit with President Gorbachev that he wanted to abolish all ballistic missiles. However, after some rapid clarification by Russian officials, Mr Yeltsin's statement was amended to a promise that the warheads would not be targeted at the signatories to the Founding Act.

Although that was still greeted as an important gesture of goodwill, Russia, America and Britain have already agreed not to target missiles at each other, leaving France the only nuclear power in Nato without such an agreement.

The Founding Act signed yesterday lays down the ground rules and a formal mechanism for a new security partnership that gives Russia equal status in preparing for peace-keeping and conflict prevention — although it will not have the right to veto Nato actions. Russia will also be granted all the paraphernalia of Nato representation, including an ambassador at the alliance, twice-yearly meetings of foreign and defence ministers, monthly meetings at ambassadorial level and occasional heads of government summits.

It is not a legally binding document in that it does not have to be ratified by any of the signatories' parliaments. But a Nato spokesman insisted that it was not an empty document: "It is one that can be built on as relations improve even further. Today we can say the Cold War has definitely come to an end."

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And although Nato has been careful to avoid directly linking the offer of Russian participation in its affairs and the plan to expand the alliance eastwards, it is clear that the agreement gives Nato governments the chance to move ahead and admit new members. Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary will be invited in July to join the alliance by 1999, and while the first invitations will be restricted to those three, nine more countries are also seeking membership.

Mr Yeltsin yesterday repeated his criticism of the expansion plans, but he hailed the Founding Act as a victory for reason, while President Clinton said that it realised the long-sought goal of a peaceful, democratic undivided Europe.

"In the twilight of the 20th century, we look forward toward a new century with a new Russia and a new Nato, working together in a new Europe of unlimited possibility."

President Chirac, playing host in the magnificent *Salle des Fêtes* at the Elysée Palace, told his guests that the pace swept away the last remnants of the Cold War and the legacy of the Yalta agreement which carved up Europe at the end of the Second World War.

"We will be turning the page on half a century of misunderstanding, of confrontation, of division on our continent," he said in his opening address. "The Paris accord does not shift the divisions created in Yalta. It does away with them once and for all."

Tony Blair, who was warmly welcomed by his fellow leaders, described himself as a child of the Cold War era, "raised amid the constant fear of a conflict with the potential to destroy humanity. Whatever other dangers may exist, no such fear exists today. Mine is the first generation able to contemplate the possibility that we may live our entire lives without going to war or sending our children to war. That is a prize beyond value."

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, also described the accord as being of far-reaching significance "at the end of a century which has seen so much blood, tears and suffering".

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Tony Blair, "a child of the Cold War era", with President Clinton yesterday

Clinton ordered to face sex claim case

From Tom Rhodes
in Washington

PRESIDENT CLINTON yesterday faced perhaps the most embarrassing controversy of his presidency when the Supreme Court ruled that Paula Jones could pursue her sexual harassment case against him while he is in office.

In the most important privilege case since Richard Nixon was ordered to hand over the Watergate tapes, America's highest court ruled that the Constitution did not shield the President from facing lawsuits over acts unrelated to his official duties.

"Despite the force of the arguments supporting the President's submissions, we conclude that they must be rejected," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote.

Mr Stevens said that allowing the case to go forward before Mr Clinton leaves office on January 20, 2001, would not place "unacceptable burdens" on the President or hinder his official duties as had been claimed by White House counsel.

The unanimous ruling of the nine justices, including two appointed by Mr Clinton, could not have come at a more awkward moment. The President had just left for what aides hoped would be a significant foreign policy sweep through Europe culminating in talks with Tony Blair in London.

Ms Jones, 30, a former Arkansas state employee, is seeking $700,000 in damages for defamation and violation of her civil rights.

Her claim is that in 1991 Mr Clinton saw her working at a governor's management conference in Little Rock, sent a state trooper to bring her to his hotel room, and made a sexual suggestion. Mr Clinton has said he has no memory of either Ms Jones or the incident.

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IN BRIEF

Suicide girl was kicked

Two teenage schoolgirls were found guilty yesterday of taking part in a vicious gang attack on a fellow pupil who later killed herself.

Lee Ann Murray, 16, and Michelle McBratney, 17, both from Stornoway in the Western Isles, were found guilty of assaulting Katherine Jane Morrison, 16, by repeatedly kicking and punching her round the body and head in December 1995.

Sentence was deferred at Stornoway Sheriff Court until June 10 pending background reports Page 3

Father drops abortion appeal

James Kelly ended his 12-day legal fight to stop his estranged wife from having an abortion.

He said financial hardship and the belief that Lynne Kelly might have the baby had led him to give up his battle. His lawyers told the Court of Session in Edinburgh that they were not proceeding with an appeal ...... Page 5

Chirac in last minute plea

Jacques Chirac, faced one of the toughest tests of his political career as he sought to head off a left-wing election victory with a televised appeal.

The French President's eleventh-hour attempt is likely to prove decisive in the battle for control of parliament .... Page 17

Spare shares

Nearly one in 12 shares in the Halifax remain unclaimed ahead of the former building society's stockmarket float on Monday. Halifax said it will hold on to the £1.4 billion of unclaimed shares for three years .... Page 27

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Class size limits will end parental choice, say heads

By David Charter, education correspondent

THOUSANDS of parents will be denied places for their children at popular primary schools under the Government's election pledge to introduce maximum class sizes, head teachers said yesterday.

Appeals by parents for places in over-subscribed primary schools will have to be stopped to prevent classes exceeding the target size of 30, said the National Association of Head Teachers.

The association, which supports this change, admitted the move would mean choice would "go out of the window".

At the moment, 440,000 children aged between five and seven are in 13,000 classes of more than 30. Labour promised that this would change by the end of its first term.

Ministers yesterday admitted there was a problem but said they were considering ways to enforce limits while giving parents maximum preference. But head teachers said that many more children will miss their chosen school unless extra money was found to build new classrooms at popular schools.

David Hart, general secretary of the association, said: "Parental choice will have to be changed so that an appeal committee will not be in a position to force schools to take pupils.

"You cannot have a policy of maximum class sizes of 30 and at the same time say there must be full and free parental choice. The two cannot go together. I am sure the Labour Government realise that."

Mr Hart said Labour's calculations on paying for smaller classes, by using £140 million from the Assisted Places Scheme as it is phased out, did not include the cost of new classrooms.

Stephen Byers, the minister for standards in schools, said: "We are aware of the potential difficulties in this area. This is an issue we will be addressing in the White Paper that we will be publishing in June."

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Conran in line to be official design guru

By Patience Wheatcroft, city editor

SIR TERENCE CONRAN is believed to be the latest top businessman recruited to government service.

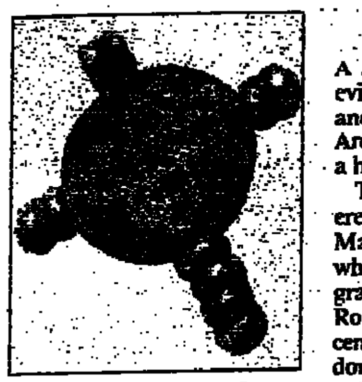
He is discussing a role which would enable him to emphasise the importance of good design. It could span both the Department of Trade and Industry, where he would aim to increase design awareness in business, and the National Heritage Department.

Sir Terence said last night: "This is the first time in my lifetime that I have known a Government to be involved and interested in the importance of design and architecture."

Sir Terence is establishing a restaurant empire that will soon have the capacity to feed around 10,000 diners a night. But before food, his first love was design and he changed the attitude of many Britons to their homes with the launch of the Habitat chain. That has since been sold to the owners of Ikea, but he is now building a new retail business, the Conran Shop, specialising in home goods.

Sir Terence voiced his support for Labour before the election and took part in an election broadcast which also featured Anita Roddick, the Body Shop boss and Gerry Robinson, chairman of Granada. There are some suggestions that Ms Roddick may also be in line for some public service role.

English early Christian amulet feared to be hoax


The disputed amulet, with its XP inscription

By Damian Whitworth

A SILVER amulet hailed as important evidence of early Christianity in Britain and copied for a pendant worn by the Archbishop of Canterbury is feared to be a hoax.

The matchbox-size amulet was discovered during an excavation in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, seven years ago in what were believed to be early Christian graves from the twilight years of the Roman Empire at the end of the fourth century. But scientific studies have cast doubt on the amulet's authenticity.

A British Museum report to be published next year says that tests show that the metal from which the artefact was made "very closely resembles" modern sterling silver.

Dr Martin Henig, of Oxford University's Institute of Archaeology, said that his own study had left him deeply suspicious of the amulet, which was believed to be one of the most ancient Christian personal ornaments to be found in this country. "When I saw it, I was not at all happy with it. The thing screamed that it was modern. It looked to me as though somebody had looked at a picture of a brooch found in Sussex and made an amateur copy of it."

The amulet bears the inscription XP, which in Greek are the first two letters of Christ's name, *chi* and *rho*. A copy of the amulet was presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, when he was Bishop of Bath and Wells. Dr Henig said he was baffled how the amulet had turned up in a bona fide excavation: "I am sure that the excavators were acting in good faith."

The amulet was discovered by a team working under the direction of Peter Leach, of Birmingham University's field archaeology unit. Mr Leach was away yesterday, but a fellow director, Ian Ferris, said: "It was found by a professional archaeologist. It is difficult to see how somebody could have placed it without breaking into the site."

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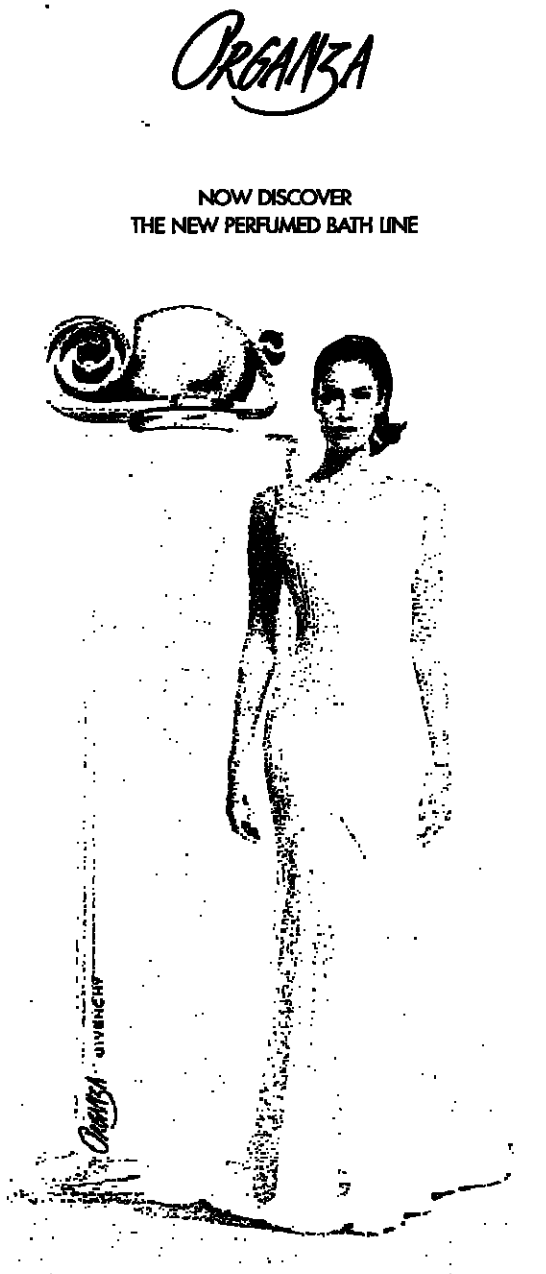

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Clarke urges Tories to present a united front

By Jill Sherman
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE will today step up his leadership campaign with a strong plea to the Conservative Party to get a grip on itself and turn into an effective Opposition. The former Chancellor will use his first main speech outside the Commons to tell Tories to stop acting as if they were "lords to the manor born," and start becoming more aggressive in criticising Labour.

In an attempt to portray himself as the most effective Opposition leader offering the best chance of returning the Tories to power, Mr Clarke will increase the attack on Labour's economic policy, insisting that Gordon Brown is *planning to raise* taxes in the Budget.

Mr Clarke, the front-runner for the first leadership ballot on June 10, will tell the Inns of Court Conservative Society in London that Tories must change their attitude after 18 years in *power and unite against* Labour, rather than concentrating *on splits* in their own party. He will argue that within five years the Tories could achieve the same swing as Labour obtained in the election.

He will argue that the Chancellor has been making so much of the Treasury figures being worse than he expected that he was bound to be preparing the ground for tax increases. In reality borrowing figures were lower than projected and any tax rises would be needed purely to pay for Labour's costly policies, Mr Clarke will tell *his audience of young* barristers. Presenting himself as the mainstream candidate, he will also touch on Europe and argue that if Labour moves too quickly to join a single currency with fudged criteria, *he would be the first to resist.*

As Mr Clarke speaks in London, Peter Lilley, also tipped in the top three for the first ballot, will be launching a regional tour with Gillian Shephard and Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare. Mr Lilley will be accompanied by a *mobile set* at his speeches to the party faithful in Leeds, Bristol, Cardiff and Edinburgh.

William Hague, the first to court the constituency vote and also expected to do well in the first round, will have his regional finale in Manchester, giving a speech to activists on Friday, the sixth visit on his nationwide tour.

John Redwood has also been trying to woo constituency activists in Scotland, where there are no Tory MPs. Although the 1922 Committee decided *last Thursday that activists* would not have a say in the leadership election, many of the candidates had already planned their visits expecting a change in the rules.

E.coli food poison cases head for a 25 per cent rise

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland correspondent

THE number of E.coli food poisoning cases will reach a record level this year, the leading expert in the disease said yesterday. Hugh Pen*nington's warning* came as the latest outbreak in central Scotland affected a further nine people, taking the number to 21.

Last year was the worst on record for *E.coli* when an outbreak in central Scotland, affecting 500 people, left 19 dead. So far this year the number of cases is about 25 per cent up on last year. Professor Pennington of Aberdeen University said yesterday.

He said that after excluding outbreaks of *E.coli*, which can distort the figures, there were about 250 isolated cases last *year. This year such* "background" cases were running at about one a day.

"If one projects ahead on the basis of these figures, we are *talking about an increase of* over a quarter on last year. That is a significant increase. More background cases generally mean more outbreaks," Professor Pennington said.

Yesterday doctors at Central Scotland Healthcare Trust said the number of people affected in the outbreak at Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary has risen to 21, six of whom are showing symptoms of the illness. Thirteen are "physically frail elderly", aged 72 to 95, from three of the four long-term care wards at the hospital. Seven are nurses and one is a domestic worker. *None is critically ill.* Douglas Harper, a medical director for the hospital, said that no source of the infection had been discovered. Samples *from the hospital kitchens,* which provide 550 patients with three meals a day, have been sent to laboratories in Aberdeen for analysis and the results will not be known until the end of the week. Mr Harper said that without a definitive source, the decision had been taken to keep the kitchens open.

Mr Harper said an outbreak of sickness and diarrhoea has also occured on a general medical ward in Falkirk Hospital but so far it is not known if these cases are linked to the *E.coli* outbreak.

The hospital is screening about 70 elderly patients and more than 100 staff. The outbreak, the sixth in Scotland in the past six months, was discovered on Saturday when three patients fell ill. Falkirk treated *E.coli* cases in the outbreak last year.

Professor Pennington said that while many of the 32 recommendations he made in his report published last month were being implemented, others would take time to put into effect. "Butchers are beginning to do things which we recommended and a lot of work is being done in slaughterhouses, but it is still very early days. Overall the level of *E.coli* is higher this year than last year and it looks as if it is still on the increase."

Professor Pennington said it was difficult to come up with a single explanation as to why the incidence appeared to be so high in Scotland. "We are better at recording it than other parts of Europe but that is a small factor.

"*It may be that there is more* of it in cattle here and more people in Scotland are involved with cattle in their work. It tends to be seasonal *and there is more of it in* summer but then there is also an element of bad luck."

Scots falling victim to the love of meat

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

FOOD poisoning as the result of *E. coli 0157* is reported more often in Scotland than elsewhere in Britain.

E. coli 0157 can be spread by eating meat contaminated with animal faeces, or by human to human transmission; instances which have resulted from someone inadequately washing their hands. Scottish people are no less hygenic than those elsewhere, and the probable reason why they seem to be more prone to infection is that their diet contains a greater proportion of protein. Scots from all socio-economic groups, are notoriously bad at eating up and enjoying vegetables.

The emphasis on meat is not confined to the quantity but also its quality. Many Scots people take as much interest in their meat as wine buffs do *about drink, and when sitting* down to a meal it is not at all uncommon for a general discussion to follow about the length of time the animal has been hung after slaughter, and whether it was long enough to bring out the flavour of the joint, and tenderise the meat.

This connoisseurship about meat results in it often being hung for longer than it would be in England. Lengthy hanging of a carcass gives contaminating bacteria a perfect opportunity to spread. The tenderising of a joint through hanging is partly dependent on the action of bacteria. The diner must hope that the deliciously tender steak has been thoroughly cooked.

Because of the importance of good quality meat in the Scottish diet, there is also a greater demand for meat pies made by the local butcher. Many Scottish housewives de*spise the mass-produced* varieties of pie, however sterile and however well-packed.

JOHN COGILL

Aine Ni Chonaill wants to stop New Age travellers living off Irish social security

Teacher campaigns to keep foreigners out of Ireland

By Audrey Magee, Ireland correspondent

AN IRISH teacher trying to keep the British, Germans and other foreigners out of Ireland is standing as the country's first anti-immigrant candidate in next month's general election.

Aine Ni Chonaill, 51, is contesting a seat in southwest Cork, where dozens of English people have holiday *homes. She wants, among* other immigration issues, to stop foreigners buying Irish property and end the "plague" of English New Age travellers *living off Irish social security.*

Standing as the sole representative of the Immigration Control Platform, Miss Ni Chonaill, said political action was necessary to protect the homogeneity of Ireland. Describing multiculturalism as "one of the greatest heresies of the 20th century", she wants restrictions placed on the sale of land and property to nonnationals. She also wants to *deport EU nationals* who have spent six months on Irish social welfare.

"I do not think when Irish people signed up the European Union *that they were* aware that what they were saying was that 370 million people have a *right* to live in this country," she said. "Well, we have our own population of 3.7 million and I maintain that that is sufficient and should be *protected.*"

Miss Ni Chonaill — who teaches four subjects including Irish and Russian at a Catholic convent in Clonakil*ty — said wealthy British and* Germans were causing grave difficulties in west Cork. Attracted by the beauty and tranquillity of the area, they *moved in, forcing unrealistic* increases in house prices and then joined local planning committees to prevent the Irish ruining their Utopia.

"I simply do not want anything other than very low levels of these people coming into my country — no *matter* whether they are German, British, Romanian or Zairean. They can stay away."

An estimated 500 foreigners *buy holiday homes in west* Cork each year and hundreds more New Age travellers — most of them British — live in the hills behind the coastal *towns.* The travellers, who live in dilapidated caravans and buses are entitled to £64.50 welfare benefits from the day they arrive in Ireland, substantially more than in the United Kingdom.

Dominic Daly, an auctioneer in Cork who catered for foreigners buying property, said Miss Ni Chonaill would get support from voters for her stand against the New *Age travellers but not against* English and Germans, who integrated with the Irish.

War poison held at two sites in Britain

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

TOXIC *materials for research* into chemical warfare are stored at two sites in Britain, the Ministry of Defence has disclosed for the first time.

The main facility for researching into chemical and biological warfare is at the chemical defence establishment at Porton Down, Wilt*shire. Although all offensive* chemical weapons developed by Britain were destroyed in the 1950s, toxic materials were stored at the Wiltshire plant for research.

The MoD said, however, *that the Royal Military College* of Science at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire, was also still producing small quantities of toxic chemicals for research *and teaching purposes.* The disclosure was part of the Government's formal declaration of chemical holdings, required under the recently ratified Chemical Weapons Convention to which Britain is a signatory.

In a 238-page document, the MoD also disclosed that small *quantities of nerve agent were* produced for research purposes at Nancekuke, an RAF site at Portreath, Cornwall, up to 1978. Although research *there was to help develop a* defence against attack, some of the work was used by the United States until 1964 in developing its offensive programme. The MoD said the facility closed in 1980.

CORRECTION

The Treasury and the Bank of England said yesterday that Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, would not be "taking control" from the Bank of some of the key preparations for a single European currency, as reported in *The Times.* They said that the Treasury and the DTI would issue detailed guidelines on what a single currency would mean in practice to business. This work was previously carried out by the Bank of England.

Nurse arrested over intensive-care deaths

A nurse who was sacked after *four patients* died in a hospital's intensive-care unit has been arrested by detectives. *Kathleen Atkinson was suspended in March* last year after a colleague raised concerns about her professional conduct. At the same time Leonard Coyle, the Newcastle upon Tyne coroner, asked police to investigate after he became concerned over a number of incidents at the city's Royal Victoria Hospital, where Mrs Atkinson worked as a nursing sister in the intensive-therapy unit.

Mrs Atkinson, 47, from Wallsend, *North Tyneside,* a nurse for 17 years, was subsequently dismissed from her £23,000-a-year post for gross misconduct. The allegations centred on claims that between 1991 and 1995 she witheld life-supporting drugs from terminally ill patients. The four alleged victims include Claire Marsh, 12, Patricia Dryden, 15, and Mary Burdon, 69. The fourth patient was an un*named woman. In March* Mrs Atkinson said: "I cannot go to an industrial tribunal until the police have done their bit."

Health trust must pay

Patricia Addada, a district nurse who was dismissed for failing to disclose that a former patient had left her more that £30,000, was awarded £18,000 damages against the Guild Community Healthcare Trust, of Preston, yesterday. An *industrial tribunal last month described the trust's conduct* as "woeful, lamentable, and appalling" and ordered Mrs Addada's reinstatement. She has yet to be given back her job.

Pricier Concorde still full

The cost of a British Concorde flight across the Atlantic has risen by 15 per cent over the past 12 months because of increasing demand. So many *pop stars, businessmen* and lottery millionaires are queuing to fly the Atlantic in three hours that British Airways is able to raise the ticket price without losing a customer. A round London-New York trip is now £5,596 compared with £4,854 a year ago. A single ticket costs £3,223.

Orkney policeman jailed

A police constable who concealed vital evidence in a murder inquiry to protect his family was jailed for four years at the High Court in Inverness yesterday. Edmund Ross, 46, was found guilty of deliberately hindering investigations into the murder in Orkney of an Indian waiter and attempting to defeat the ends of justice. Shamsuddin Mahmood, 26, was shot dead while working in a Kirkwall restaurant on June 2 1994. Orkney's first murder inquiry for 25 years continues.

Ear-cuffing PC quits

Steve Guscott, 44, a police constable who was convicted of assault after cuffing 14-year-old boy around the ears in Minehead, Somerset, in 1994, has retired from the force complaining of stress. He had said that the youth was abusive to a local pensioner. Mr Guscott said yesterday that he was retiring on medical grounds. "There are a lot of factors that have led to this. Suffice it to say the stress has affected me seriously."

Record egg-theft fines

Two brothers were fined a record £90,000 each for *disturbing rare birds and stealing their eggs.* They face up to two years in jail if they cannot raise the money. The previous highest fine for egg collecting was £16,000, later reduced to £2,000 on appeal. Lee McLaren and Jamie MacLaren, who spell their names differently, admitted 70 charges under the Wildlife and Countryside Act in the Kirkwall Sheriff Court on the Orkney Islands. Both men live in Portsmouth.

Local buy-out planned

The 60 residents of the Knoydart peninsula in the West Highlands are hoping to follow the *example* of the Eigg islanders and buy their "wee bit hill and glen". A community buy-out of the 17,500 acre Knoydart Estate, which is on the market, is to be given assistance by Highland council, which was instrumental in the Eigg buy-out. Today Highland *councillors will meet to consider a blueprint for the* Knoydart Foundation's community buy-out.

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Bully girls' attack drove schoolmate to commit suicide

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

TWO teenage schoolgirls were found guilty yesterday of leading a vicious gang attack on a pupil who later killed herself to escape the bullying. Lee Ann Murray, 16, and Michelle McBratney, 17, both from Stornoway in the Western Isles, repeatedly kicked and punched Katherine Jane Morrison, 16, in the assault.

Miss Morrison, from Stornoway, was tormented by bullies at Nicolson Institute in Lewis, where she was known as a bright pupil. On December 15, 1995 she was the victim of two attacks involving a gang of girls, egged on by Murray and McBratney, who punched and kicked her "for about 15 minutes" one witness said. Afterwards she needed hospital treatment.

Seven weeks later a friend warned her by telephone that another attack was planned and her tormentors were threatening to shave her head if she passed her Higher exams (the equivalent of A levels). After the call the anguished teenager, who planned to go to university, went to her bedroom, wrote a suicide note to her parents, and swallowed tablets from a prescription bottle. She was found dead the next day.

Victim Miss Morrison: depressed by bullying

Both Murray and McBratney denied the joint attack and McBratney denied another charge of hitting the pupil earlier in the evening. Sentence was deferred at Stornoway Sheriff Court until June 10 pending background reports.

The court heard that Miss Morrison, known as KJ, had been involved in a argument with the two girls at around 8pm during which she was punched in the face. Later she was walking in the town with a friend, Caroline Harbourne, 17, when her companion heard someone shout: "There she is, get her."

Both Murray and McBratney attacked Miss Morrison again pushing her into Woolworth's doorway. About 20 people gathered to watch and Murray, who had grabbed the victim by the hair, asked: "Does anyone want a free punch?"

Three or four people from the crowd then joined in. Miss Morrison was also hit over the head with a soft drink bottle. Sheriff Ian Cameron said he had found the evidence on both charges "sufficient and convincing". But he added: "It is clear that other unidentified females in addition to the accused also took part."

Shortly after Miss Morrison's death, her father, Iain Morrison, revealed that his daughter had been depressed after the attack and was unable to concentrate on her studies. Mr Morrison, 47, a mental health care worker, and his wife Millie both said they believed the telephone warning had driven their daughter to take her life.

"One of the regrets we have is that she didn't confide in us that she was being bullied. But teenagers never do," Mr Morrison said. The devastated couple were not in court to hear the verdict yesterday.

Miss Morrison needed little study to pass exams and already had five As and two Bs at Standard Grade. She was expected to pass all her Highers. Her ambition was to get a management job in America. She had a younger brother, Scott, aged 14.

Yesterday Donald MacDonald, the headteacher at Nicolson Institute, insisted the bullying incident had not taken place on the school grounds or within school hours.

"If anyone said there was a general problem of bullying and intimidatory behaviour at the school, I would say categorically no. We have good children who come from a nice community with very little criminal activity. That is not to say there is no bullying, but it is a such a low level that every single alleged incident is dealt with with great seriousness and effectiveness," he said.

McBratney, left, and Murray leaving court yesterday

Some of the 40 women preparing to fly from Perth yesterday. They were among thousands of orphans sent to Australia after the war

Britain's lost orphans head for home

A group of women abandoned at childhood and sent to Australia are returning to a country and families they have never known, writes ***Daniel McGrory***

THEY call themselves Britain's lost tribe. A group of 40 women who were sent to Australia as orphaned infants from British children's homes will fly into London from Perth today to meet the families they have never known.

For some it will be the first chance to meet relatives they have spent 50 years trying to trace. Others are making what they describe as their "sentimental journey" in the hope of visiting their birthplaces and finding surviving family members.

The women, aged between 54 to 64, were all abandoned by their mothers in childhood and placed in British orphanages. They are among 10,000 victims of the "child immigrant scheme" operated after the war by 35 British charities who sent infants to Australia where they were set to work in labour camps, orphanages and religious schools.

Many experienced physical and sexual abuse. John Hawkins, of the Australian Child Migrant Foundation, said: "This will be a traumatic day for all concerned. Some will see brothers, sisters, parents for the first time. Others will begin a search that will likely end with them knowing little more about their true identity.

"Many before them have made this journey only to find their real families don't want to know them. It is almost impossible to imagine what it is like to go through life without an identity.

"About ten of this group will be seeing relatives for the first time. Six of them only know the villages and towns they came from but they want to smell the air there and feel the ground. It would be wonderful if at the end of it they could find a family link."

Christian charities who were involved in this immigration scheme have apologised for transporting the children, most of whom were illegitimate, and have helped to fund the private operation to trace their British and Irish families. Mr Hawkins said: "Unfortunately, neither the British nor Australian Governments will help to finance our search. If we had the money we could fill another jumbo jet tomorrow of these lost souls who want to trace their roots."

This trip is costing his foundation over £100,000. He hopes that the publicity from this trip might persuade the Government to review its attitude to what he describes as "a disgraceful chapter of British postwar history". This practice continued until 1967. Often their real families were told that the children had died, or had been adopted in Britain.

All the 40 women arrived in Australia in 1947 aboard the cruiser *Osterly* and became wards of the Sisters of Mercy at St Joseph's Orphanage in Perth. The youngest was four and the oldest 14 years old.

Charities argued that these children could expect a better life in Australia although the plan was motivated by the wish to save money in hard-pressed British institutions.

This group of women were brought up together by the Sisters of Nazareth in Western Australia and contacted Mr Hawkins's charity to assist in tracing family links and funding this trip. The inspiration for the visit, Sheila Pearce, said: "We lost our country and our heritage; we lost everything when the governments decided to bring us out here." Mrs Pearce, 59, who is a great grandmother, was taken to Western Australia from Northern Ireland at the age of 9.

The Catholic organisations who took these 40 women have helped fund the trip, and Sister Sheila, the deputy congregation leader of the Sisters of Mercy, said she hoped it would help them comes to terms with their past.

Trial nurses ask to see victim's brother

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU AND ROGER MAYNARD

TWO British nurses accused of murder in Saudi Arabia have invited the victim's brother to visit them in prison so that they can appeal to him not to demand the death penalty.

The invitation to Frank Gilford, a taxi driver in Australia, was made by one of the lawyers for Deborah Parry and Lucille McClauchlan, who hope he will make the 10,000-mile journey as soon as possible.

"The girls will say they are innocent, and ask him to accept that something of a financial nature can be done for his sister," said Salah Hejailan, a Saudi lawyer, who has proposed a trust fund in memory of Yvonne Gilford to benefit the nursing profession. "I am inviting Frank Gilford as my guest to Saudi Arabia to see the girls and hear their story and I hope he will be satisfied."

Mr Hejailan said that he had received unprecedented permission from the Saudi authorities for an Australian television station to interview the women in prison on Sunday. Network 7 Australia will also interview the governor of the kingdom's eastern province, Prince Mohammed bin Fahd, the son of King Fahd. The Australian team will also interview the chief of police, a leading member of Parliament and Mr Hejailan.

He believed permission for the interviews had been granted because the Saudi authorities wanted to explain to a Western audience that the nurses' fate could ultimately lie in the hands of Miss Gilford's family. Her body was found in December on the floor of her flat in the King Fahd military medical complex, where all three nurses lived and worked. She had been stabbed, bludgeoned and suffocated.

On Sunday the judge asked Miss Gilford's family not to demand the death sentence if the two women were convicted. He gave the family three weeks to consider a conciliatory settlement.

Man drowns saving boy in quarry

A MAN drowned after rescuing his girlfriend's young son from a disused quarry where they were swimming (Adrian Lee writes)).

Karl Lodwick managed to throw the five-year-old boy on to the bank of the 30ft deep pool in Llandrindod Wells, Powys, before disappearing under the water. Witnesses said the boy had been riding on Mr Lodwick's back when he got into difficulties.

A fire service diving team recovered the body of Mr Lodwick, 26, from Bridgend, Glamorgan, who had been camping near by and was enjoying a Bank Holiday swim with the child. The boy's mother, Joanne Cook, 25, was some 600 yards away and did not see the incident. The alarm was raised when her son, Curtis, was seen crying at the water's edge and explained what had happened.

In a second incident, a 20 year old man was feared drowned after jumping from a bridge into the River Usk at Llanfoist, Gwent, also on Monday afternoon.

Painter studies art of revenge

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

AN ARTIST took revenge on critics yesterday by unveiling a vitriolic work at the Royal Academy Summer Show in which he accused them of anti-semitism and blamed them for the death of his wife.

R B Kitaj says that his *Sandra Three* is "revenge play on canvas". It features a painting puntuated with words such as "hate" and "kill" and a composition inspired by Manet's *Execution of Maximilian*, with a monstrous figure facing the firing-squad. A razor is stuck on the surface, along with book titles about death.

The painting spans an entire wall of the Summer Show, which opens to the public on June 1. It also features a quote from Manet, as a master who suffered at the hands of critics: "The attacks directed against me broke in me the mainspring of life."

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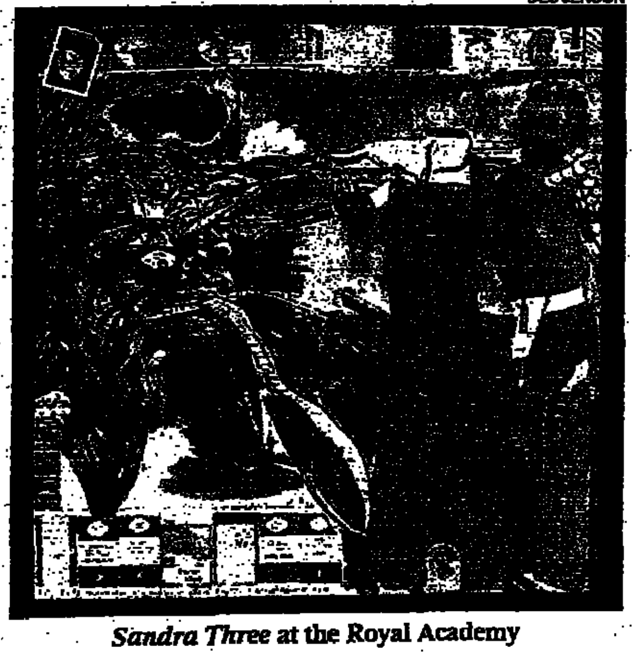

Sandra Three at the Royal Academy

Kitaj was replying to critics who savaged his retrospective at the Tate Gallery two years ago, which was followed by the loss of his wife, the artist Sandra Fisher. He now plans to return to his native America after decades in Britain.

The critics retaliated yesterday. William Packer of *The Financial Times* said the problem was that "his wife died within six weeks of the show opening. The two events have become linked in his mind." However, to suggest the reviews contributed to the death of his wife and were rooted in anti-semiticism was "grossly offensive".

Waldemar Januszczak of *The Sunday Times*, said that if Kitaj could not take criticism, he should live in Italy where he could pay critics.

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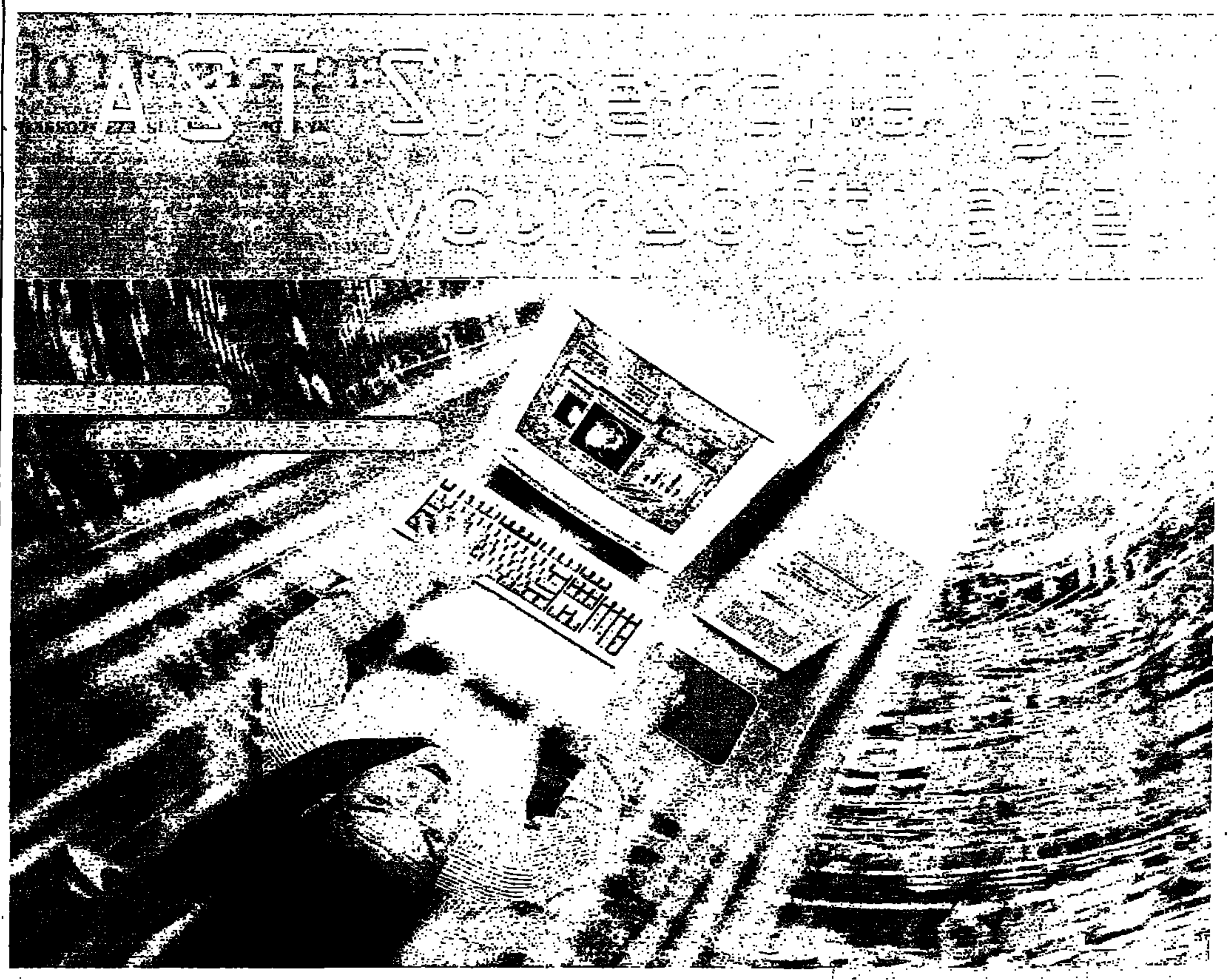

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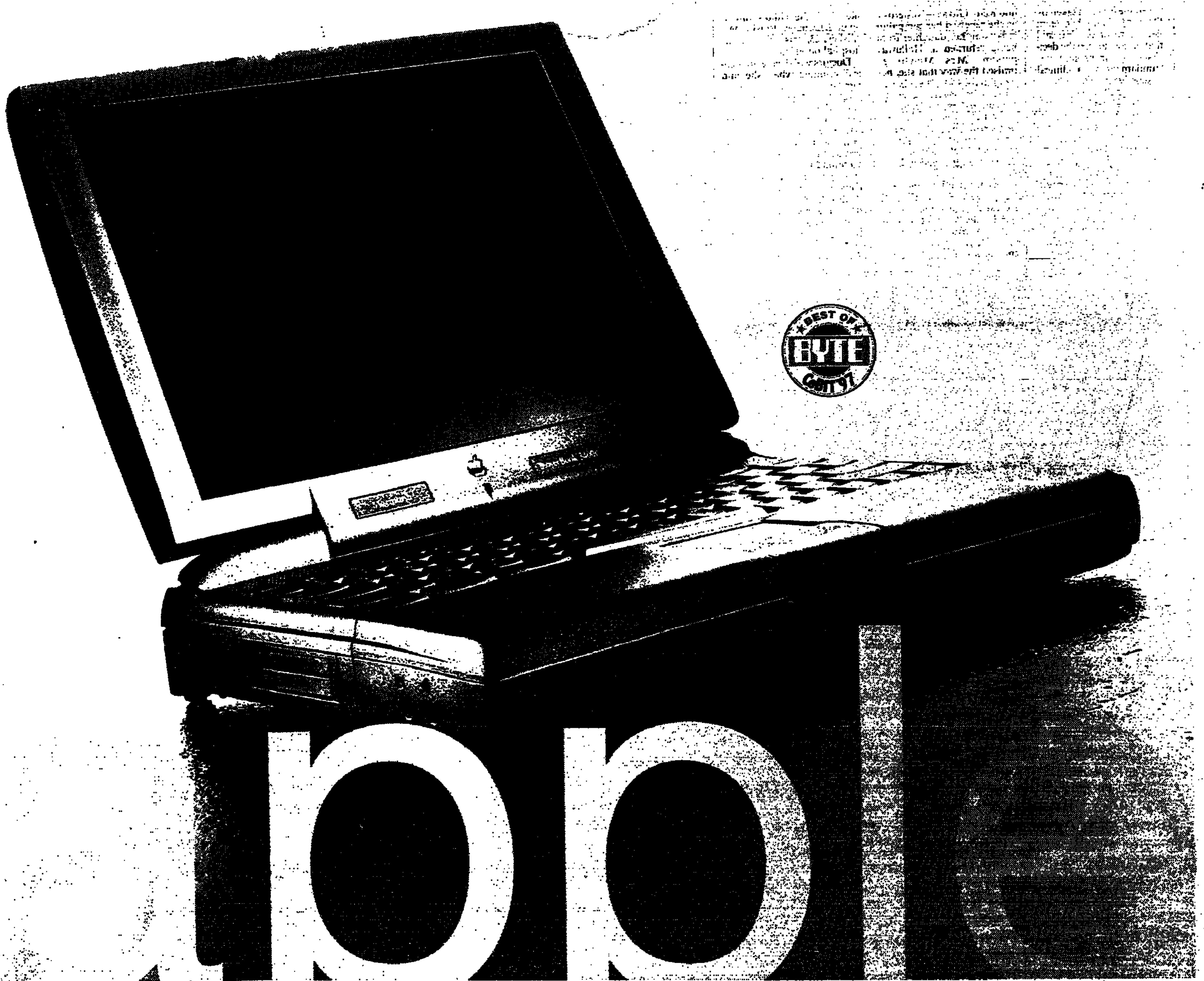

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Ecstasy case may lead to donor shake-up

By Gillian Bowditch

THE case of a dying schoolgirl who was refused a liver transplant could lead to a wide-ranging shake-up of the transplant service, a leading specialist said yesterday.

Paul McMaster, director of the liver transplant service at Birmingham University, said the "tragic case" of Michelle Paul, a 15-year-old girl from Aberdeen who died of liver failure in November 1995 after taking half an Ecstasy tablet, had raised concerns among doctors.

Professor McMaster, speaking at the Fatal Accident Inquiry into Michelle's death, said that the issue of "opting out" of transplant donation, the reversal of the current situation, should be considered. He said this would have "quite a significant impact on the availability of organs".

Michelle's mother, Carolann Paul, a former drug addict, and her grandmother, Margaret Pirie, have both claimed that the decision to refuse the schoolgirl a transplant was made on moral grounds because of the family history of drug abuse and the fact that Michelle had taken drugs.

This claim is denied by Dr Hilary Sanfey, one of the surgeons at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary's liver transplant unit who refused the transplant. She told the inquiry that the decision was made for medical reasons. Another member of the transplant team, Niall Finlayson, said that Michelle's truancy and her drug-taking had played a part in the decision to refuse her the £60,000 operation.

Professor McMaster, who has prepared a report on the case, said he believed the decision taken by Dr Sanfey and her team had been correct. He said that he considered the decision not to transplant was "fundamentally a clinical judgment rather than a moral one" and that a transplant was "not an option".

But a psychiatrist involved in the case told Aberdeen Sheriff Court yesterday that Dr Sanfey had a "closed mind" on the subject. George Masterton, a consultant psychiatrist, said Dr Sanfey had made up her mind from the start not to give the girl a liver.

The hearing continues.

Father drops legal challenge to stop wife's abortion

By Shirley English

James and Lynne Kelly on their wedding day

JAMES KELLY yesterday ended his 12-day legal fight to stop his estranged wife from having an abortion.

He said financial hardship and the belief that Lynne Kelly might have the baby had led him to give up his battle to save the unborn child's life. His lawyers told three appeal judges at the Court of Session in Edinburgh that they had been instructed not to proceed with his appeal, which was due to be heard by the House of Lords on Monday.

Mr Kelly, 28, from Inverkeithing, Fife, was told by the courts last week that he had no rights as a father to interfere in his wife's abortion decision but he succeeded in maintaining a temporary ban while the case continued.

His decision meant the interim interdict on Mrs Kelly, 21, was lifted, leaving her free to decide whether to go ahead with the termination. She is about 14 weeks pregnant. Legal experts said the court battle had made no difference to the law, it had merely served to reinforce earlier rulings that foetus and father have no legal rights that can influence a woman's decision on an abortion.

Sheila McLean, director of medical law and ethics at Glasgow University, said it was unlikely that any father would be allowed to challenge his partner's decision over a termination. However without a woman's right to choose enshrined in the Abortion Act 1967, the way was still open to mount cases that questioned the good faith of doctors to make decisions on whether operations could proceed.

Mrs Kelly indicated earlier this week that she may keep the baby if the long court delays meant she had to have labour induced. Beverley Johnson, her solicitor, said: "I don't know what her decision will be. That is for her to decide privately. And that is the important thing, that she has now been given back the right to choose and has a little time to reflect. She is relieved and quite happy, under the circumstances, that Mr Kelly has taken this decision."

Mr Kelly said he had changed his mind after his lawyer advised him that the case was "no longer about me and her, it was about changing the law". He said: "When I read that she may still have the baby, I decided to pin my hopes on that, rather than take a big chance and be totally destroyed financially."

Mr Kelly admitted he was in receipt of legal aid but said he had no other support. The frequent meetings with lawyers had temporarily cost him his job as a roofer, he said, and his house was being repossessed. He said he no longer had any feelings for his wife and hoped he did not have to see her again.

The couple separated three weeks ago after a stormy marriage in which each accused the other of violence and neglecting their 18-month-old daughter, Hazel. Mr Kelly was convicted of assaulting his wife a year ago.

Mrs Kelly disclosed yesterday that he had another child from a past relationship, a three-year-old daughter Leigh, who he had not seen for about eight months and for whom he paid no maintenance.

Mr Kelly said: "Leigh was no secret and it was not my choice not to see her. Lynne got moody whenever I said I was going to visit. I should have been stronger and sorted it out better. I'm not going to let that happen with Hazel or the new baby."

Ruth Kelly, one of Labour's new MPs, with her son Eamonn, born on Monday

Bundle of joy for MP who joined labour party

By A Staff Reporter

THE Labour MP Ruth Kelly has given birth to a son just a month after winning her seat in the House of Commons.

The MP for Bolton West had the baby on Monday night at the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel.

Mrs Kelly and her husband, Derek, have named their first child Eamonn Frederick Gadd. He was born at 8.50pm on Monday, weighing 7lb 11oz. A spokesman for the hospital said yesterday that both mother and baby were doing well.

The Labour Party media office announced the birth in a press release yesterday, using the basis of its campaign slogan in the releases's title: New Labour, New Baby. Tessa Jowell, the Minister for Public Health, sent congratulations to Mrs Kelly on "another new Labour gain".

"Ruth will be a great inspiration to other young mothers and I am sure that she will remember that it is only to our children that we are irreplaceable."

"Around the House of Commons, Ruth will be neither short of advice nor willing arms to hold the baby. A baby around the House will be a great force for modernising the Palace of Westminster," Ms Jowell said.

Mrs Kelly previously worked at the Bank of England and for *The Guardian* newspaper.

A sunny name for McAliskey baby

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

THE terrorist suspect Roisin McAliskey has named her baby Loinnir, which means a ray of sunshine that filters through black clouds.

Bernadette McAliskey, the child's grandmother, announced the name — pronounced "Linya" — yesterday as she renewed her campaign to prevent her daughter from being returned to Holloway prison. Mrs McAliskey praised the way that she, her daughter and the baby's father had been treated by police officers on guard at Whittington Hospital, north London.

"They have been exemplary in their treatment of us. I never thought police could behave so well," Mrs McAliskey said at the Irish Centre in Camden, north London. "Everyone — the family, the hospital and the Metropolitan Police — obeyed the instructions of the court in a spirit of dignity and human decency, and certainly the family are very grateful for that."

Her daughter and granddaughter were both well, she added. The baby was born on Monday after a ten-hour labour attended by Mrs McAliskey and the child's father, Sean McCotter. Roisin McAliskey, 25, was bailed to the hospital on Friday.

Doctors will decide on medical grounds when she and her baby can leave. Another High Court hearing will decide whether they return to the jail or live at another address in London. A nursing home in London has said it would be prepared to have them and the Irish Chaplaincy Centre has indicated that it could find accommodation.

Mrs McAliskey said that her daughter could offer sureties supplied by MPs and peers, and that she and her supporters had £100,000 surety available.

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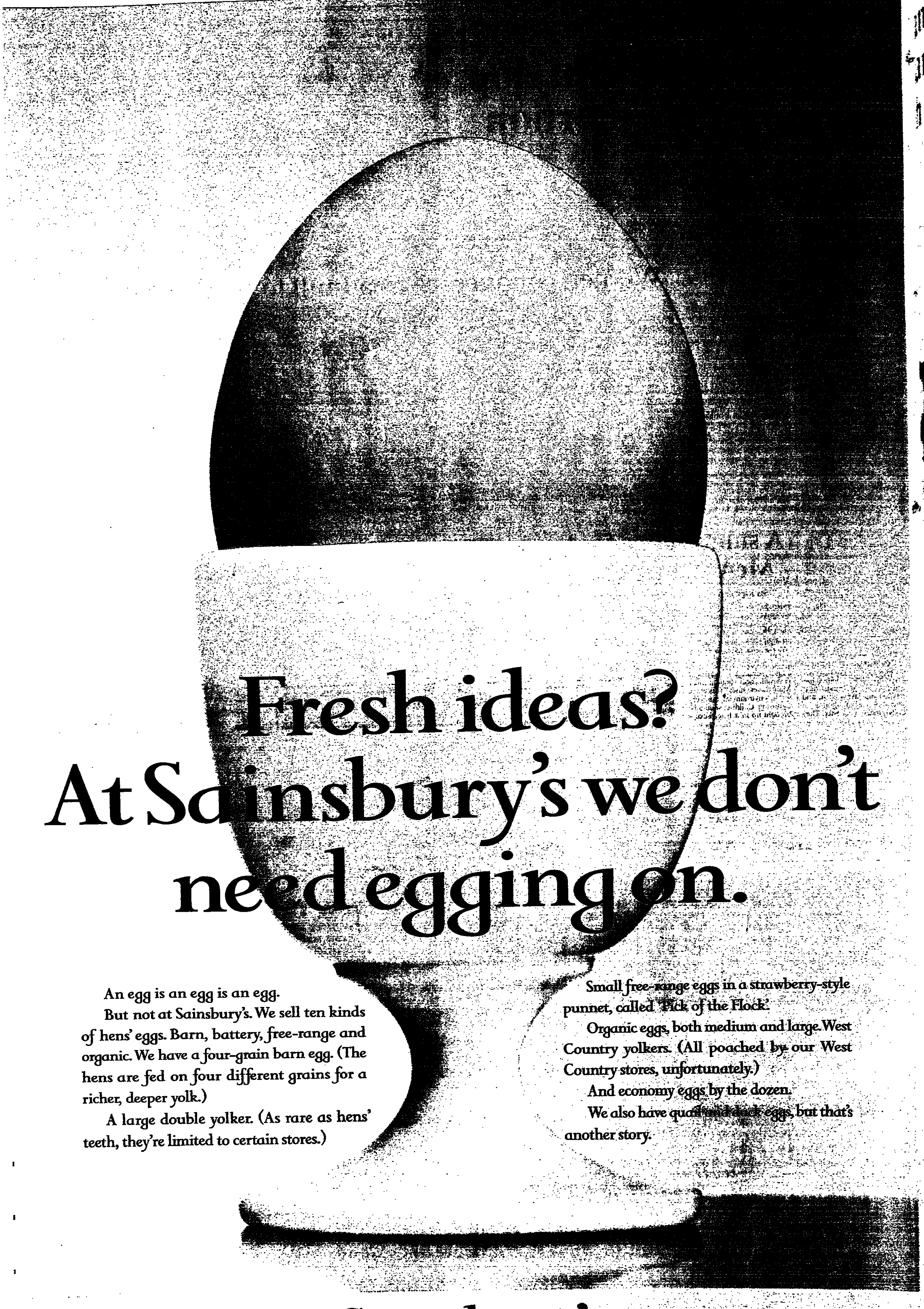

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Gay couple planning to share child with lesbians

By Paul Wilkinson

TWO disabled homosexuals are seeking to "share" a surrogate baby with a lesbian couple. Russell Conlon and Christopher Joyce are making contacts through the gay press, after saying that they have lost hope of being allowed to foster or adopt.

The male couple hope to find a woman prepared to have their baby and share it with them and her partner. Mr Conlon, 39, a former stonemason, replied to criticisms of their plan yesterday by saying: "It is our God-given right to be parents. We have a lot of love and experience to give. We feel we are committed to each other and ready to bring up a child. We are looking for a lesbian couple to help us. We wouldn't reject a heterosexual mother, but ideally we would want parent-sharing with a lesbian couple.

Conlon, top, and Joyce: "ready to raise child"

"You see ads like: 'Happy lesbian couple seeks gay donor for co-parenting.' We've responded to about 20 or 30 adverts and are waiting for replies." They also plan to place their own advert.

Mr Conlon has arthritis and brittle bone syndrome. Mr Joyce, 32, a former joiner, has epilepsy. They began their relationship last August, and share a council house in Collyhurst, Manchester. They have applied to adopt, but Mr Conlon said: "We were turned down on the ground of our disability. Then they told us we couldn't adopt either because we are disabled and on benefit. That is a smokescreen because we are gay." However, Manchester Social Services said yesterday that no final decision had been made about allowing the couple to adopt. A spokesman said: "As with any application for either adoption or fostering, the needs of the children must come first. Once a medical report on this couple is received, it will be considered by our Adoptions Panel who will then determine whether it is appropriate for their application to proceed."

The couple are also applying to the Albert Kennedy Trust to offer lodgings to gay teenagers. They are members of Happy Families, a support group for gay parents. Mr Joyce, who would be the sperm donor as Mr Conlon is unable to have children, said: "Being gay doesn't mean we can't be good parents. We have both had HIV tests. I appreciate that having two mums and two dads could be confusing, and no one is a perfect parent. But I have wanted children all my life and now I've found the right person I want to go ahead."

A spokesman for the Mothers' Union said yesterday: "We would be against an arrangement like this because the welfare of the child is so important. If the baby was shipped around between two homes instead of having a mum and dad in the same house it would be very confusing."

Nicholas Winterton, the Conservative MP for Macclesfield, Cheshire, said: "What is the world coming to? To seek to bring up a child in that situation would be unnatural and totally wrong. It may be a mutually beneficial arrangement for the men in the homosexual relationship, but it wouldn't be beneficial for the child."

The Rev Ian Brown, of St Paul's Anglican church in Haliwell, near Bolton, near Manchester, said: "This is the wrong environment, and very confusing. Children should be brought up in a heterosexual marriage. We're moving away from the stable family unit."

The British Medical Association, which favours surrogacy under strictly regulated conditions, has called for a national debate on the whole issue.

Surrogate granny hopes to help others

By Paul Wilkinson

BRITAIN'S first surrogate grandmother has launched a campaign to help childless couples contemplating asking a third person to bear a baby for them. Edith Jones, who gave birth to her own granddaughter six months ago, said that she wanted to offer support based on her own experiences.

Mrs Jones, 51, was impregnated with a fertilised egg from her daughter, Suzanne Langston. Her granddaughter, Caitlin, was delivered by Caesarean section in December. Mrs Langston, 22, and her husband, Chris, are unable to have a child of their own because she was born without a womb.

Mrs Jones, from Darlington, Co Durham, said: "I want to tell people how it can work and be a good thing if it is done properly. I am prepared to talk to people and write to anyone who is interested and thinking of going down the same road as us.

"For many childless couples surrogacy is the only option, but I would be the first person to tell them it isn't easy. But they would only have to see how happy my daughter is these days to realise it can be very worthwhile."

She admitted that, after nine months of pregnancy, she felt bereft about letting the child go. She said: "I was depressed after I gave birth because, in a way, I had nothing to show for the nine months I had spent pregnant. It was hard for me so I can imagine it must be much harder for people who are strangers."

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The first women to complete a Pole trek: Caroline Hamilton, Zoë Hudson, Lucy Roberts and Pom Oliver were the last of five relay teams

Women conquer ice treadmill to reach Pole

By Joanna Bale

FOUR British women celebrated with champagne yesterday after becoming the first female team to reach the North Pole. Caroline Hamilton, 32, Pom Oliver, 45, Zoë Hudson, 30, and Lucy Roberts, 27, reached the Pole at 4.45am after a two-month relay involving five teams.

Mary Nicholson, an expedition spokeswoman, said: "They are just jubilant. I think they ran the last stretch." The women completed their 230-kilometre leg in ten days, during which they were forced to walk for more hours because of strong Arctic Ocean currents shifting the ice backwards.

Three aircraft flew from the expedition base camp at Resolute Bay, northern Canada, to pick them up. On board were base camp members, families of the team and crates of champagne. The women were not available for comment, having signed an exclusive contract with a tabloid newspaper.

Kent Walwin, a film financier who is the husband of Ms Oliver, said: "I'm relieved that they are OK and amazed how fast they did it. They were doing incredible mileage, better than many of the male expeditions." The £250,000 expedition was organised by the Dartmoor-based Polar Travel Company, whose director, Pen Hadow, said that the shifting ice made the trek "like walking on a treadmill".

The team, who each pulled 120lb sledges of equipment and provisions, will arrive at Resolute Bay today and return to Britain on Monday. They were the last of five relay teams which since March had struggled along the 770-kilometre route from Ward Hunt Island, the northernmost tip of Canada. Each team was airlifted out.

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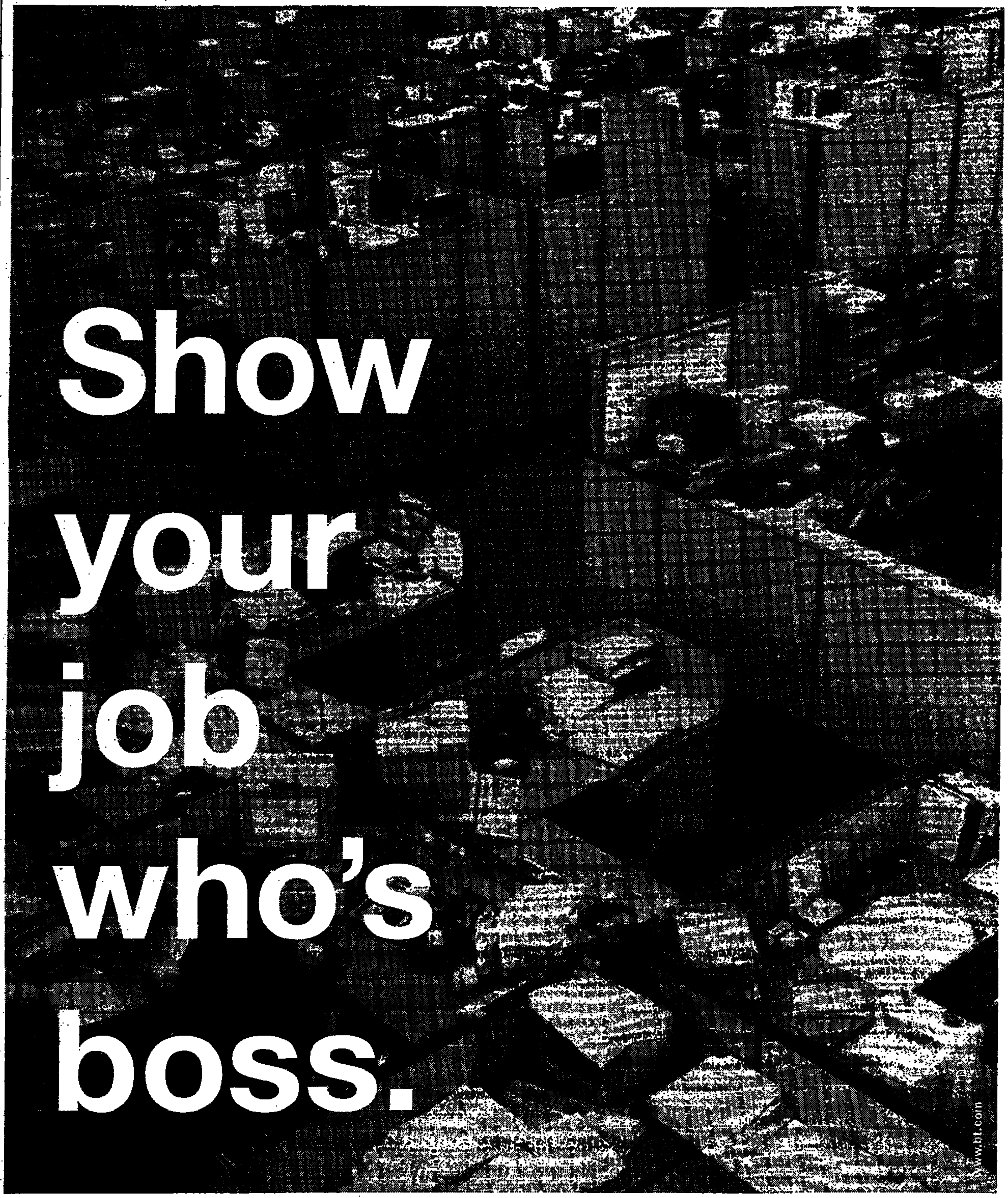

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Clintons' desire to have fun in London ties tourist chiefs in knots

FROM TOM RHODES
IN WASHINGTON
AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LONDON'S premier tourist attractions, already overloaded with schoolchildren on half-term, are braced for a last-minute security alert in advance of President Clinton's whistle-stop visit to Britain tomorrow.

What is worrying every tourist manager from the Tower of *London to Legoland is what* Bill and Hillary Clinton are going to *do with a spare afternoon after a* lunchtime of mutual admiration with Tony and Cherie Blair. Neither Downing Street, the US Embassy, nor the White House would give a clue last night.

However, *as part* of the Clintons' desire to "have fun in London", a *shortlist of potential* tourist sites has been earmarked as suitable for the President's huge security entourage, some of which has already arrived in London. The final decision on the venue for the presidential "drop-in" will not be made until today, when the selected tourist spot will be notified. The Clintons will fly in tomorrow morning from The Netherlands, where the President, fresh from the Nato summit, has been celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan. They will go straight to Downing Street to meet the Prime Minister and *his wife, and members* of the Cabinet. Mr and Mrs Blair will then *entertain them to lunch in* Downing Street.

The 15-minute informal meeting with Cabinet members, which may be televised, is intended to demonstrate a new-found warmth between the two administrations. The men are expected to discuss issues ranging from Nato to Northern Ireland; the agenda for the women is not known.

The White House maintained yesterday that the President's visit was purely a welcome gesture to Mr Blair and his Government. "We are trying to play down the image of four yuppie lawyers *hanging out together*," *one* US official said. "The visit is really a chance to talk to the new Prime Minister of one of our closest allies, with whom we have a very close relationship."

When Mr Blair visited Washington in 1996 he was fêted by the Clinton camp, and it is said that he learnt many valuable lessons *from Mr Clinton's successful* campaigning style. There is an undoubted warmth between the two leaders; despite official denials, the Clinton administration's relationship with the Major Government was always dogged by the *memory of its support* for George Bush in 1992.

Now there is talk in Washington that Mr Blair may become America's chief interlocutor in Europe, coupled with a certain delight that the Clinton-Blair axis may be able to restore the intimacy that Labour and the Democrats enjoyed in the 1960s and 1970s.

After lunch the Prime Minister and the President are expected to *hold a joint press* conference, in the Downing Street garden if weather permits, after *which the* Clintons will move on to the US Embassy in Grosvenor Square to address staff. But that still leaves several hours free before Air Force One is scheduled to fly back to Washington in the late evening.

The news that the Clintons intend to "have a ball" whilst *awaiting their flight home has* worried tourist chiefs. The manager of one major London tourist venue said last night: "It makes a great photo in the foyer, but I'd rather they didn't come during the school holiday. It could be a bit chaotic with hundreds of schoolchildren milling around."

Up to 60 security guards will accompany *the President during* a visit said to be "easy on formality". But according to a British security source last night: "Clinton's lot wouldn't know what a relaxed day out in London was. They have never heard of an unplanned visit and his security people are everywhere, even checking the brick*work in Downing Street*."

Diplomats join editor in race for Washington post

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

Washington stakes: Sir Dennis Weatherstone, Tina Brown and Sir Stephen Wall are among the contenders to become Ambassador

Kerr: to be next head of the Diplomatic Service

A SEARCH for the candidate *to fill one of the* country's most glittering posts, Ambassador *to Washington, is under way* in Whitehall.

The post carries a salary of between £90,000 and £125,000, meagre by business standards, but with power *and influence* unrivalled in the private sector. Sir John Kerr, the incumbent, is to return in the autumn to head the Diplomatic Service and speculation about his successor is rife in Washington and London.

Foreign Office officials are jittery about the appointment, which many fear could go to an outsider. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has announced that he intends to bring in senior figures to key diplomatic missions, but officials are ready to persuade him that Washington is the wrong job in which to experiment. They believe the post needs someone with "savvy" and who can work on the main issues: the economy, trade, defence and security.

The general view is that there is no obvious candidate, which could open the way for Tony Blair to consider an imaginative appointment. On the cocktail circuit in Wash*ington the name* of Tina Brown, 43, editor of *The New Yorker, is mentioned*. Earlier this year, with her husband, *Harold Evans, the president* of Random House, she *organised a fund-raising party* for Mr Blair.

There has never been a woman in charge of the Wash*ington Embassy and senior* ministers are aware of the *traditional jobs-for-the-boys* image of the Foreign Office. While Miss Brown would no doubt bring new lift to the Lutyens residence that goes with the job, she is thought to be too frivolous for the post.

In Labour circles another woman's name is being mentioned. Dame Pauline Neville-Jones, 57, who left the Foreign Office after being passed over as Ambassador to Paris, has the credentials. She served at the embassy during the Watergate affair and has given informal advice to Labour politicians. The move would be fearfully resisted by senior diplomats.

The most senior woman in the Foreign Office, she left after 33 years to take up a £200,000-a-year job as head of global business strategy at NatWest Markets. Friends say she would jump at the call, pointing out that she has remained close to Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, who wrote to her recently saying how much she missed her on the diplomatic scene.

One senior American diplomat suggested another outsider steeped in Anglo-American affairs — Sir Dennis Weatherstone, 66, the former chairman and now director of J.P. Morgan and Co, the Wall Street bankers. "He would be able to do the job. He is a substantial figure and knows the scene backwards," the diplomat said. Inside the Foreign Office the front-runners are Jeremy Greenstock, the political director, and Paul Lever, European Union and economic affairs director, both aged 53.

Mr Greenstock, an old Harrovian and Oxford-educated, is affable and extrovert, has served twice in Washington and would find it easy to take on the social side of the job. Mr Lever is considered more uncoventional. Educated at St Paul's and Oxford, colleagues describe him as a "first-principle thinker" who is reserved and tends to avoid the social side of Foreign Office life. His wife, Patricia, is also a Foreign Office official.

There is speculation that senior ministers might wish to move Sir Stephen Wall, permanent representative to the EU, to a new post, emphasising the fresh approach to Europe. An extremely able man who has served in Washington, Sir Stephen would be a strong contender. The unknown quantity is whether senior ministers feel he was too close to John Major, having served in his private office and acted as troubleshooter in Brussels.

One diplomatic source said: "If they suspect his loyalty he will be out of Brussels but not into Washington. On the other hand, if Tony Blair wishes to *show he accepts the principle* of officials being non-political and working *for any administration*, he could send him to Washington and put Lever in his place."

Many senior Foreign Office men were reshuffled a year ago and it would be considered too soon to move them again. Michael Jay, for example, has been in Paris for just over a year, while Christopher Meyer, former Downing Street press secretary, has only recently settled in Bonn and David Gore-Booth, another high-flyer, is still new in Delhi.

Mr Blair will play a key role in the selection and will have *impeccable advice from* Jonathan Powell, his chief of staff, who worked *at the* Washington Embassy at the time of President Clinton's election. He will be wary not to repeat the decision of *Lord Callaghan* of Cardiff, who appointed the economist and broadcaster Peter Jay, then his son-in-law, to the post.

The appointment is usually made a few months before any formal handover. Sir John Coles, head of the Diplomatic Service, is understood to be working on the appointment and to be preparing a series of moves to present to Mr Cook as a master plan.

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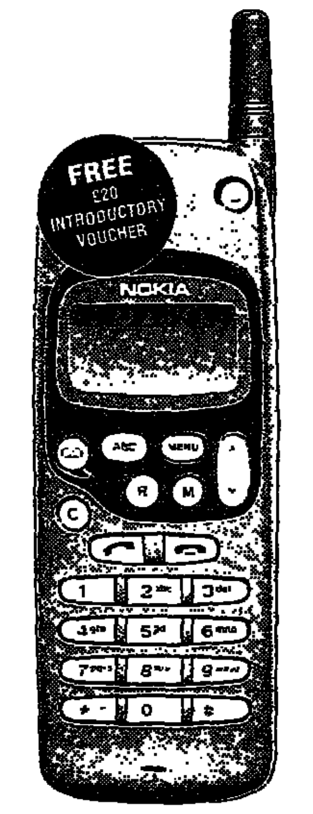

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A Lutyens palace where prestige still reigns

The British Embassy remains one of the most prestigious in Washington. The new Ambassador needs to be as much a society host as a diplomat, writes **Tom Rhodes**

LOUIS PSIHOYOS

British Embassy in Washington: "a national treasure abroad that prompts an awesome sense of presence"

SOME say there are three centres of power in Washington: the White House, the Capitol and the British Embassy, a bizarre complex that *contrasts a palatial Lutyens* residence with the brutal mu*nicipal style of its chancery*.

Although the British role in *the United States has diminished* since the Cold War, few *will dispute that this national* showcase remains the most socially prestigious and probably the most influential of Washington's 167 diplomatic establishments. On matters of defence and intelligence there is no closer relationship in the Western alliance.

Dinners given by the British Ambassador attract the most senior members of the Washington establishment; historical and cultural ties between the two nations are as strong as ever. At the heart of the new Ambassador's task will be the whirl of entertainment, both at the residence and outside. An endless stream of Cabinet ministers, chief executives and others *pass through Washington*. Lady Kerr, who is married to *the current Ambassador, Sir* John, considers herself lucky to have two nights a week free from official engagements.

At one time the embassy retained its own baggage handlers at Dulles Airport to welcome the numerous visitors. Although the private staff has shrunk considerably, the Ambassador still has a butler and 15 house staff. He has three private office staff, in addition to Amanda Downes, the social secretary who has been managing the diary since the time of Sir Antony Acland in the late 1980s. A Rolls-Royce and two Jaguars are maintained by the embassy but other official cars are leased. The residence, *designed by Sir Edwin* Lutyens, the last great architect of the English country house, was built in 1928 and is a national treasure abroad.

From the white pillars and sweeping grand staircases of its entrance, dominated by a lifesize portrait of the Queen, to the glittering ballroom, panelled private study and formal gardens, the building on Massachusetts Avenue prompts an awesome sense of presence and tradition.

There are constant reminders of the strength of Anglo-American relations. A statue of Churchill, for whom the place became almost a second home, dominates the grass outside the gates. A portrait of Montgomery painted by President Eisenhower hangs in the morning room. The embassy has played host to monarchs, Prime Ministers, *thespians, writers* and academics.

It has eight bedrooms, enough to accommodate a *royal entourage* while still making a night in the guest *quarters* a worthy *sign* of recognition. Decoration is at the discretion of the ambassador. Sir John and Lady Kerr have maintained a traditional style but there are occasional personal touches. While his predecessor, Sir Robin Renwick, held to the politically correct edicts of the Americans, Sir John, a confirmed smoker, had ashtrays dotted around within hours of his arrival. Among the ancestral paintings is one of William Kerr, a Scottish relative.

The new Ambassador will arrive at a significant moment. Whatever the official denials, relations between President Clinton and John Major were never easy. Mr Clinton has signalled that he wants a fresh start by scheduling a six-hour visit to London tomorrow. Whether Whitehall and the White House can reinvent the links of the Thatcher-Reagan years remains to be seen.

Nonetheless, the talk alone has made the Prime Minister's choice of envoy to the United States the constant chatter of the Washington dinner circuit. James Callaghan, the last Labour Prime Minister, made a legendary mistake in appointing Peter Jay, his bright young son-in-law. His attempts to inspire the youthful Administration of President Carter singularly failed.

Joint move to fight Russian mafia

BY STEWART TENDLER
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BRITISH and Russian investigators will *unite to combat the spread of East* European mafia gangs under plans for a *joint crackdown announced* by Downing Street yesterday.

Moscow and London will exchange intelligence on the gangsters who have *already moved into Western drugs* and vice rings. The legal machinery for *gathering evidence for action* against the power of the mafias will also be improved and detectives could work much more closely to track down the gangs.

News of the planned strategy came yesterday after talks between the Prime *Minister and President Yeltsin in Paris*. Afterwards officials said the Russians had *agreed to sign a joint declaration of* cooperation on organised crime which will *probably be completed in October* when Mr Blair goes to Moscow.

During the summer Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, will visit the Russian capital to pave the way for the joint agreement. Police, Customs officials, the National Criminal Intelligence Service and the Crown Prosecution Service will be involved in talks on what many *Western investigators regard* as one of the biggest threats of the 1990s. Within the *next month* a senior Customs officer will open an office in Moscow where a team of *British officers* will work. The Russians themselves estimate there are now at least 5,000 gangs working in their country with at least 32,000 members. At the top there are about 350 major players directing operations.

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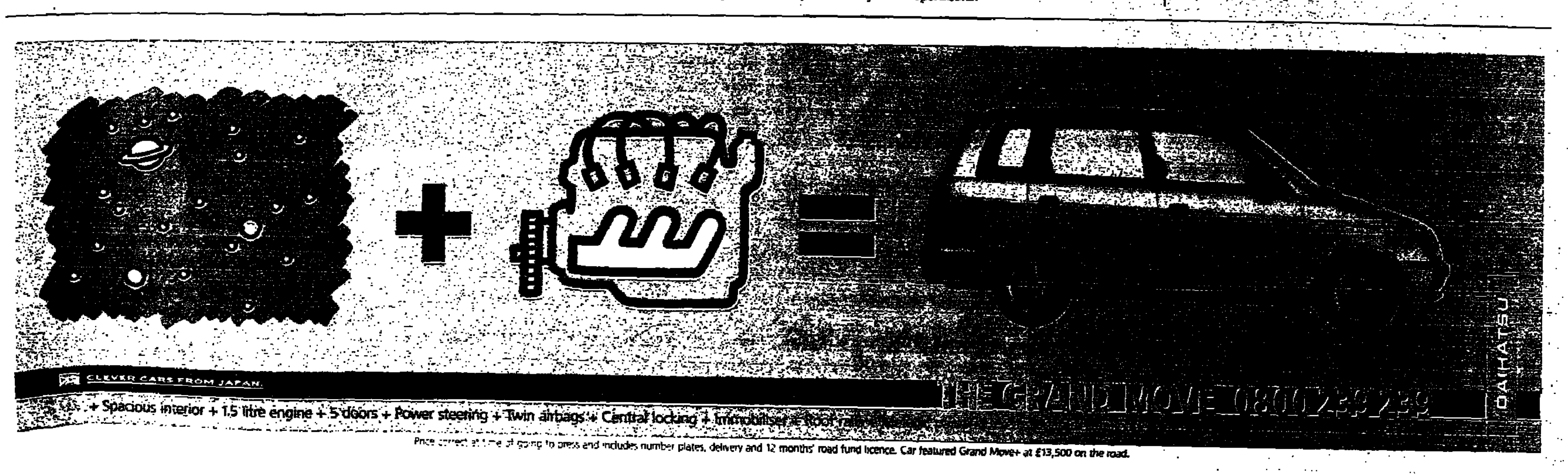

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He was a brave man, treated appallingly, says family of Somme sergeant

Minister gives new hope of pardon for executed soldiers

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE great-nephew of a sergeant who was one of 307 First World War soldiers executed for cowardice and desertion was given hope yesterday that his campaign for a pardon might at last succeed.

Tom Stones, 57, discovered only last year from released records that his great-uncle had been executed for throwing away his rifle. The case of Sergeant Joseph Stones, 25, of the 19th Durham Light Infantry, and the others shot after court martial in the Great War are to be reviewed by the new Government. The move could lead to royal pardons, although John Reid, the Armed Forces Minister, said yesterday that he did not want to raise false hopes.

The Royal British Legion welcomed Dr Reid's decision to review the cases.

Mr Stones, from Stafford, said that his great-uncle had been a courageous soldier who had gone "over the top" on many occasions. Yet one small incident "which had nothing to do with desertion" had led to his execution. "He was treated appallingly. It makes me really angry," he said.

On November 26, 1916, on the Somme, Lance Sergeant Stones and a Lieutenant Mundy had climbed out of their trench to go on patrol. As they reached the lip of King's Crater, they were ambushed by a German raiding party.

The officer was shot dead. Sergeant Stones's rifle was still in its leather cover, so he was unable to return fire. He jammed it across the trench to stop the Germans advancing and ran back, shouting a warning to the men in their dugouts. Among those who fled as the Germans gave chase were Lance Corporal Peter Goggins and Lance Corporal John McDonald.

Sub-Lieutenant Edwin Dyett was shot in 1917

In Sergeant Stones's attempt to warn his battalion headquarters of the raiding party, he collapsed and was taken to hospital, unable to walk or speak. He had been fighting for ten months and appeared to be in shock.

The next day he was arrested and accused of shamefully casting away his arms in the presence of the enemy. He was shot by firing squad in a farmyard at Rollencourt on January 18, 1917, with Corporals Goggins and McDonald, who had been charged with leaving their posts without orders from a superior officer.

Mr Stones plans to visit the grave of his great-uncle this year, in the war cemetery at St Pol, near Agincourt. "There is no mention on the gravestone that he died in action," Mr Stones said. "His commanding officer, Lieutenant Rider, praised him for his courage. I want him pardoned and I want his name engraved on his local war memorial in Crook, in Durham."

Another case involved Sub-Lieutenant Edwin Dyett, 21, the only member of the Royal Naval Division, which acted as an infantry force in land battles, to be executed. He was court-martialled for refusing to obey a "lawful order", in November 1916. At his court martial it was admitted that he was a man quite unsuited to soldiering but no defence witnesses were called. He was executed on January 5, 1917.

Andrew MacKinlay, Labour MP for Thurrock, who has led the campaign for the soldiers to be pardoned, said: "I am certain that even the most brief look at the wartime documents will demonstrate that the rules of natural justice were not applied. I think all the trials were flawed and in so many cases the argument is buttressed by the fact that the men were shell-shocked, had been hospitalised, had suffered from trauma and stress before being obliged to return to the trenches."

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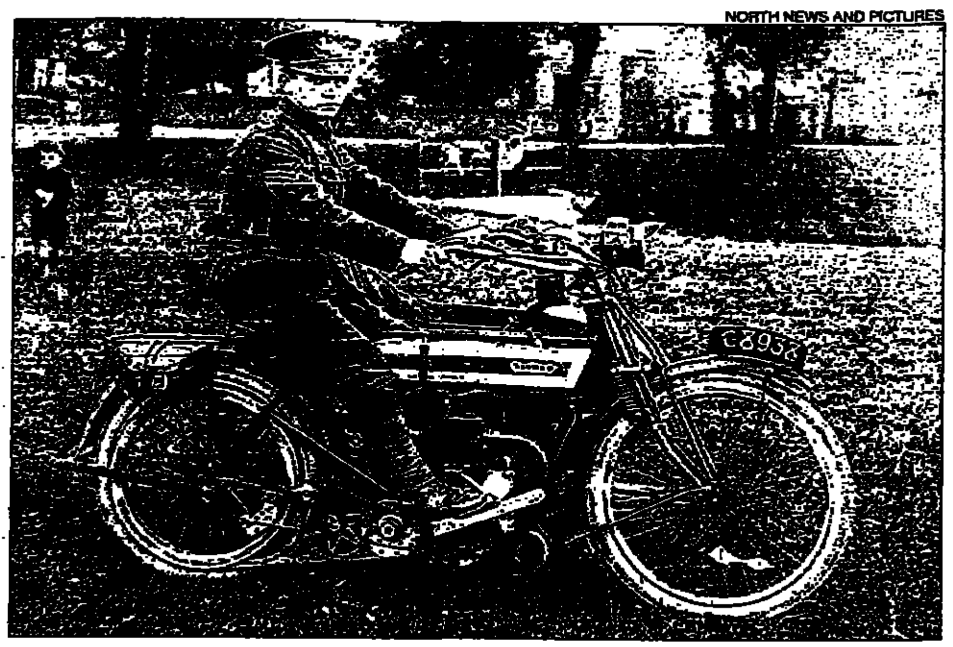

Lance Corporal Peter Goggins was shot by firing squad in January 1917, along with Lance Corporal John McDonald and Sergeant Joseph Stones

'Chaplain never met three braver men'

THIS description of the execution of Stones, Goggins and McDonald was written by a member of the firing party. It was reproduced at length in the book *Shot at Dawn* (published by Leo Cooper).

"A motor ambulance arrives conveying the doomed men. Manacled and blindfolded they are helped out and tied up to the stakes. Over each man's heart is placed an envelope. At the sign of command the firing parties, twelve to each, align their rifles on the envelopes.

"The officer in charge holds his stick aloft and, as it falls, 36 bullets usher the souls of three Kitchener's men to the great unknown. As a military prisoner I helped to clear the traces of the triple murder. I took the posts down . . . I helped to carry those bodies towards their last resting place; I collected all the blood-soaked straw and burnt it.

"I took all their belongings from the dead men's tunics (discarded before being shot). A few letters, a pipe, some fags, a photo. I could tell you of the silence of the military police after reading one letter from a little girl to 'Dear Daddy'; of the chaplain's confession that braver men he had never met than those three he prayed with just before the fatal dawn."

Veterans of the Falklands look for remembrance

BY OUR DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A SAILOR who served in the Falklands War is believed to be living as a vagrant, suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder after his experiences 15 years ago. His case was raised by a veterans' association yesterday as an example of how mental suffering is still affecting many who took part in the 1982 conflict.

The organisers of a reunion to be staged in Portsmouth on June 14, marking the anniversary of the Argentine surrender in Port Stanley, are trying to trace the ex-Royal Navy sailor, believed to be in the Plymouth area. Derek Cole, founder of the South Atlantic Medals Association, who served as a petty officer on *HMS Intrepid*, said: "The reports of this veteran underline the importance of having an association to help these sort of people. The trouble is, the Falklands War is old news. All the focus now is on those suffering from Gulf War syndrome."

Organisers are hoping that a large proportion of the 29,500 men and women who took part in the South Atlantic war, including civilians and merchant seamen, will attend the reunion. An open air concert has been arranged at HMS Sultan, a Royal Navy training establishment, followed by a march-past in the town the next day.

Today is the fifteenth anniversary of the battle of Goose Green, the biggest land battle involving an exclusively British Army regiment since the Second World War. The 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment forced the surrender of more than 1,400 Argentinians.

One veteran, Steve Devereux, a private with C Company 2 Para, recalled yesterday how he was attacked with napalm. Mr Devereux, now 37, said two Argentine aircraft flew over and one dropped a cannister that exploded about 40ft away: "I thought a fuel tank must have fallen off. But it was a huge ball of flame and the oxygen was sucked out of the air for a few seconds. My moustache and sideburns were singed." He went on to join the SAS and wrote a book of his experiences, *Terminal Velocity*.

Mark Sherben-Browne, a private with support company 2 Para, still hates to talk about his experiences: "I remember certain situations every day. There was one occasion when we were moving towards a position and we came across a young Argie with his brains in his helmet. Memories like that are all too vivid."

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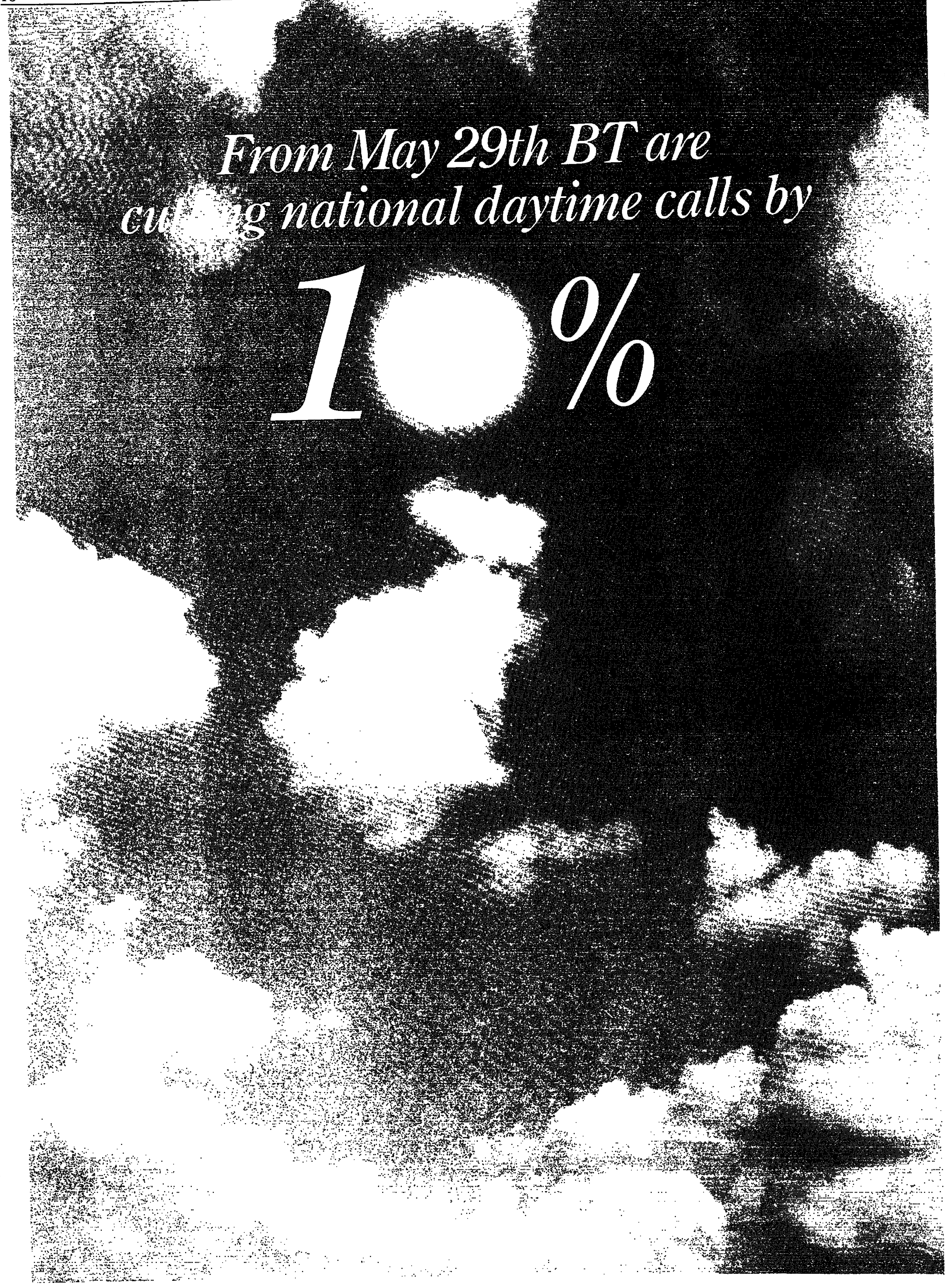

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Rural new town puts Labour to the test

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to build a town with 5,000 homes in the heart of the Hampshire countryside have received a boost after government-appointed examiners recommended that the development should go ahead.

The scheme to turn the village of Micheldever Station, near Winchester, into a new town complete with schools, shops and a church are fiercely opposed by local residents and the county council.

The outcome of the case will be a test of how the Labour Government views the conflicting demands of environmental protection and housing need. Eagle Star, the insurance company that owns the land, says the development plans represent an important contribution to solving the problem of where to build the new homes that Britain needs. More than four million such homes will be required in the next 20 years.

Bill Bromwich, Eagle Star's project director, said that the 1,200 acre development on undulating farmland would be built in the style of traditional Hampshire towns such as Romsey, Petersfield and Ringwood. "This is not a housing estate in the countryside. It is self-contained and sustainable. It will have at least three primary schools, a secondary school, shops, a medical centre, a sports centre, allotments, a town park and a church," he said.

Eagle Star also plans to offer about 20 per cent of the homes for renting or shared ownership through housing associations and there would be a wide range of property for private ownership. Light industry is planned and 10,000 new jobs are promised. Among the benefits of the proposals, highlighted in the Examination in Public report published by the panel of examiners, are that Micheldever railway station, on the Southampton-London line, is at present underused and that the town is within easy access to the M3.

The developer's dream, however, can be a local resident's nightmare. Few towns have managed to get planning permission in recent years, with the rest blocked mainly by local opposition.

Hampshire County Council is refusing to comment on the report until it has consulted with "all interested parties" — a process expected to take months. It has in the past favoured estates being built on the edge of existing towns rather than development in the countryside.

The council, which is now under Conservative control, has made provision for 44,000 new homes to meet demand up to 2011, while the examiners' report recommends 56,000. If the county refuses to provide for 56,000 homes, Whitehall might intervene to ensure that it does. To complicate matters, the county council now has to consult with the unitary authorities for Portsmouth and Southampton before taking any strategic housing decisions.

Tim Cordy, director of the Town and Country Planning Association, believes that counties such as Hampshire should accept that a mixture of urban in-fill and new town development is inevitable. "The buck has to stop somewhere," Mr Cordy said. "If Hampshire is going to argue that 56,000 new homes by 2011 is inappropriate, it is likely that some other area of the country is going to have to pick up its shortfall. Environmentalists argue that building on greenfield sites is cheating our children out of their future, but we also cheat on our children if we don't build enough homes for them to live in."

SIMON WALKER

Fields and woods at Micheldever, Hampshire, would vanish under 5,000 homes with their shops, schools and leisure facilities. The railway cottages that have been home to Alfred Bond, 84, and Doris Quinn, 69, for more than half a century would be in the town centre

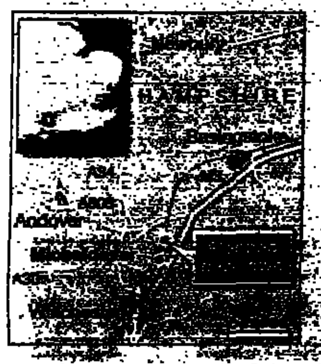
Villagers fear heart will be ripped out of countryside

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

CLIVE DIXON, a tenant farmer, sees himself as involved in a battle to keep the creeping sprawl of suburbia from his village doorstep. Like fellow members of the Dever Society, founded to campaign against the development, he understands the need for new housing but believes that the planned town will destroy the heart of the county.

Prepared to be convinced of the merits of a new town, the society organised a trip to New Ash Green in Kent. "It was everything we dreaded: a godforsaken, dreary place," Mr Dixon said.

From his home near Micheldever Station, where building would start, he can gaze over acres of wheatfields once farmed by his father and now by his son, Adrian,



which would be covered with rows of houses. As a tenant he has no say over change of land use and would receive five years' rent for loss of livelihood.

"None of the villagers objects to new houses," Mr Dixon said. "We know they are needed. But what this will do is trigger off a process that will totally alter the heart of the county. This new town is bound to spread outwards and, over the years, we are going to end up with a millennium city stretching from Basingstoke to Winchester and Southampton.

"There are 400 villages in the county — why not build 20 or 30 new houses in each? You solve the problem without destroying the county's character in the process. This is not about us trying to keep our livelihoods. We just want good sense to prevail."

At the Dever Arms in Micheldever village, two miles away, David Bunting, a computer consultant, agreed that the development was the thin end of the wedge. Local people were worried that the town would eventually encroach on all the villages.

"This isn't a question of property prices. Locals aren't frightened of losing out — if anything, those with period houses find their property becomes more valuable in comparison to the new ones — but they just like their village as it is.

"I've only been living here eight years, so I'm a relative newcomer, but these villages have so much character that everyone is very sensitive about fitting in, joining in local fêtes, signing up to the church cleaning rota. That will all go with a new town. Instead we'll have a precinct and a theme pub on our doorsteps."

Alfred Bond, 84, has lived in a row of railway cottages at Micheldever Station for 63 years and has seen little change until recently. The strip of land behind the cottages, including his allotment, has been bought by the property developers. Mr Bond is worried that he will lose his right to work the allotment.

"I've had these letters telling me I have to apply to lease it. I think ultimately it's all going to disappear and be built on. All the birds and trees will be gone. I'm just glad I probably won't be here to see it."

Only his near neighbour, Doris Quinn, 69, had any enthusiasm for change. She has lived there for half a century, with the only change being a grain mill built opposite the front of the cottages. She thinks that new housing would bring better amenities: "It's quite difficult for an elderly person living here and, to be honest, I would welcome the facilities. It would be nice if we had a doctor's surgery and shops within walking distance. I am prepared to sacrifice a bit of scenery for that."

Mrs Quinn said that her feelings were influenced by a previous experience with planning authorities. "I campaigned against the grain mill being built in the early 1970s and that didn't achieve much, did it? Quite honestly I haven't got the energy. This town is going to happen, whether we like it or not."

Flawed visions of a better life in the sticks

BY MARCUS BINNEY
ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE pages of history are full of new towns that have failed outright or enjoyed at best a sluggish existence. The best towns grow organically and new capitals such as Canberra and Brasilia have taken decades to gather life and momentum.

One classic study of new towns in the Middle Ages lists 23 English towns, 18 Welsh and 44 in Gascony planted by English kings that disappeared or dwindled to a handful of cottages. Successful ones such as Liverpool, Portsmouth and Salisbury owed their eras of prosperity to other factors. In Britain the most successful new towns are the garden cities of the early years of this century such as Letchworth (1903) and Welwyn Garden City, founded by the social reformer Sir Ebenezer Howard, who thought that working people would be happier living in self-contained rural communities than in crowded inner cities. Though there is much attractive housing in Letchworth, the town was slow to attract industry and failed to generate funds for the public buildings originally envisaged.

By contrast some postwar new towns such as Skelmersdale, Runcorn and Peterlee have become a byword for some of the worst housing of the period. The success of postwar new towns in Britain in creating new homes — half a million in 50 years — has to be measured against the huge number of terraced houses unnecessarily demolished in the name of slum clearance, many of which simply needed modern plumbing and heating.

Lord Hinchinbroke, opposing the New Towns Bill in Parliament in 1946, said: "It is a state experiment in the life and happiness of our people and in my opinion, like all state experiments, it will work havoc, bitterness and grave social damage."

The resurgence of new town proposals at Micheldever and in the Cotswolds, recalls the 1980s when nine of the nation's largest housebuilders formed a consortium to build ten new towns of 5,000-10,000 houses in open country in the South East. Massive public opposition led to the rejection of all but one of these schemes.

At the same time, however, the Conservative Secretary of State, Nicholas Ridley, cowed local authorities into giving planning permission for the construction of big housing estates on the edge of virtually every substantial country town in England. Owing to the depression of the early 1990s, many of these have remained dormant. Until their position is resolved, there is no need for further new permissions on the same scale.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Preachers guilty of refusing to quit inferno

Four preachers were found guilty yesterday of obstructing the police by refusing to stop giving angry pubgoers a sermon on the the evils of drink.

The members of the fundamentalist Faith Ministries, based in Leeds, had to be arrested for their own safety at closing time in February as drinkers spilled out of the 18 pubs in York's Micklegate area, which is known locally as Dante's Inferno. The preachers, who all denied the charge, were given a 12-month conditional discharge by York magistrates and ordered to pay £70 costs.

Baby-trial delay

The trial of a Briton accused of smuggling two children aged 15 months and two years out of Romania was adjourned at Oradea, Transylvania, because his lawyer was ill. John Boast, 46, from Great Harwood, Lancashire, has denied the charges, which carry a combined maximum sentence of eight years. Thousands of babies were taken out of Romania before 1994, when adoption rules were toughened.

Cold-care alert

Packets of the cold treatment Night Nurse Capsules are being recalled because some mistakenly contain a leaflet meant for the milder Day Nurse Capsules, which have a more repeated doseage. Users following the wrong instructions could suffer drowsiness all day. The manufacturer, SmithKline Beecham, said that packets with the serial number BN466E should be returned to chemists for exchange.

Ushered back

A 6ft prisoner armed with a knife leapt from the dock at Lewes courthouse, East Sussex, ran past two security guards and was on his way out through the foyer when he was brought down by a rugby tackle from a 5ft 2in court usher, Melinda Brignall.

Murder hunt

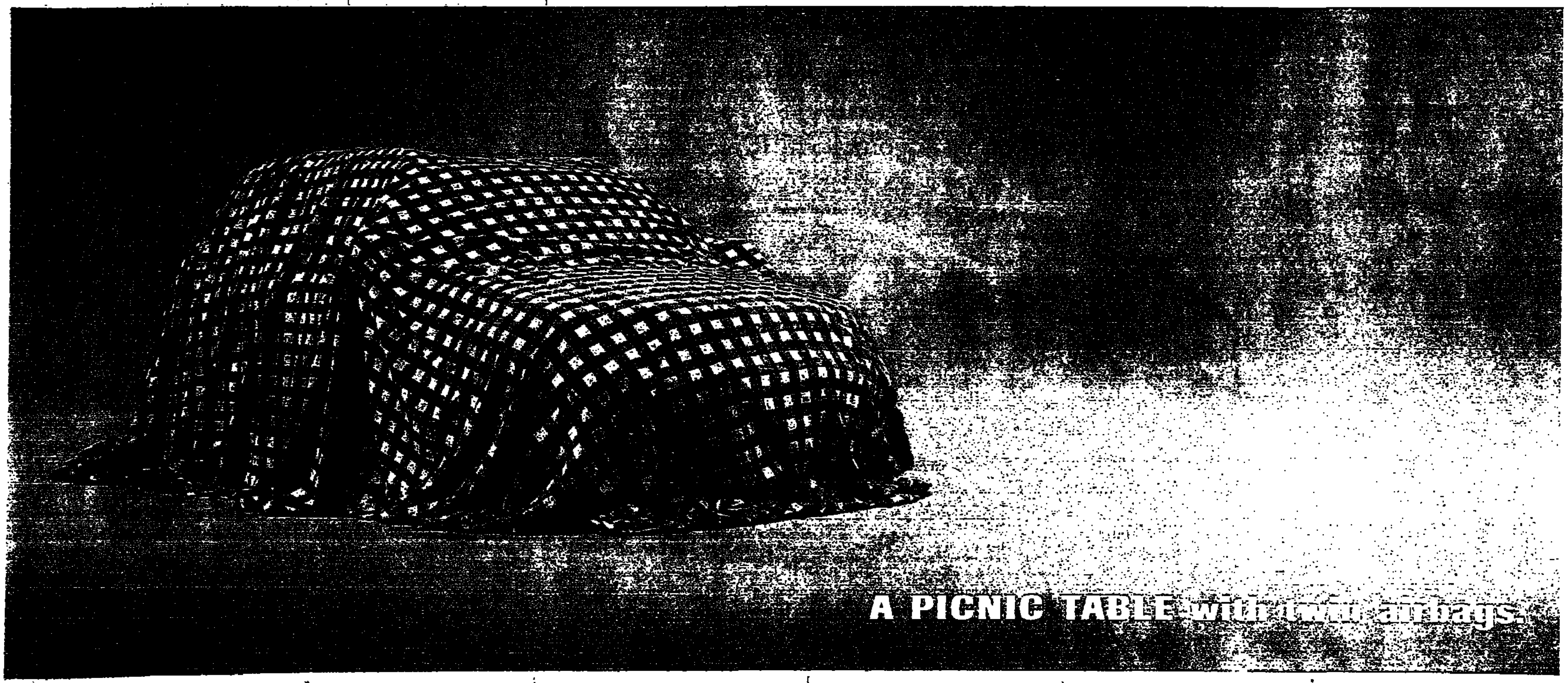
Police investigating the murder of Christine Hayes, 43, have questioned her unnamed common-law husband. Ms Hayes was reported missing on Monday and was later found suffocated in woods half a mile from her home near Ashford, Kent.

Happy landing

A hang-glider pilot survived a 100ft fall over the North York Moors by landing in a bed of heather. Daniel Murphy, 24, from Skelton, near Middlesbrough, suffered a broken ankle and bruised back in the fall, after his hang-glider folded in mid-air.

On the hop

A burglar was caught by police when his false leg fell off as he climbed a fence. Robert Cox, 36, of Wick, West Sussex, was jailed for 21 months at Chichester. He originally lost his leg when gangrene set in after he shot himself on a rabbit hunt.



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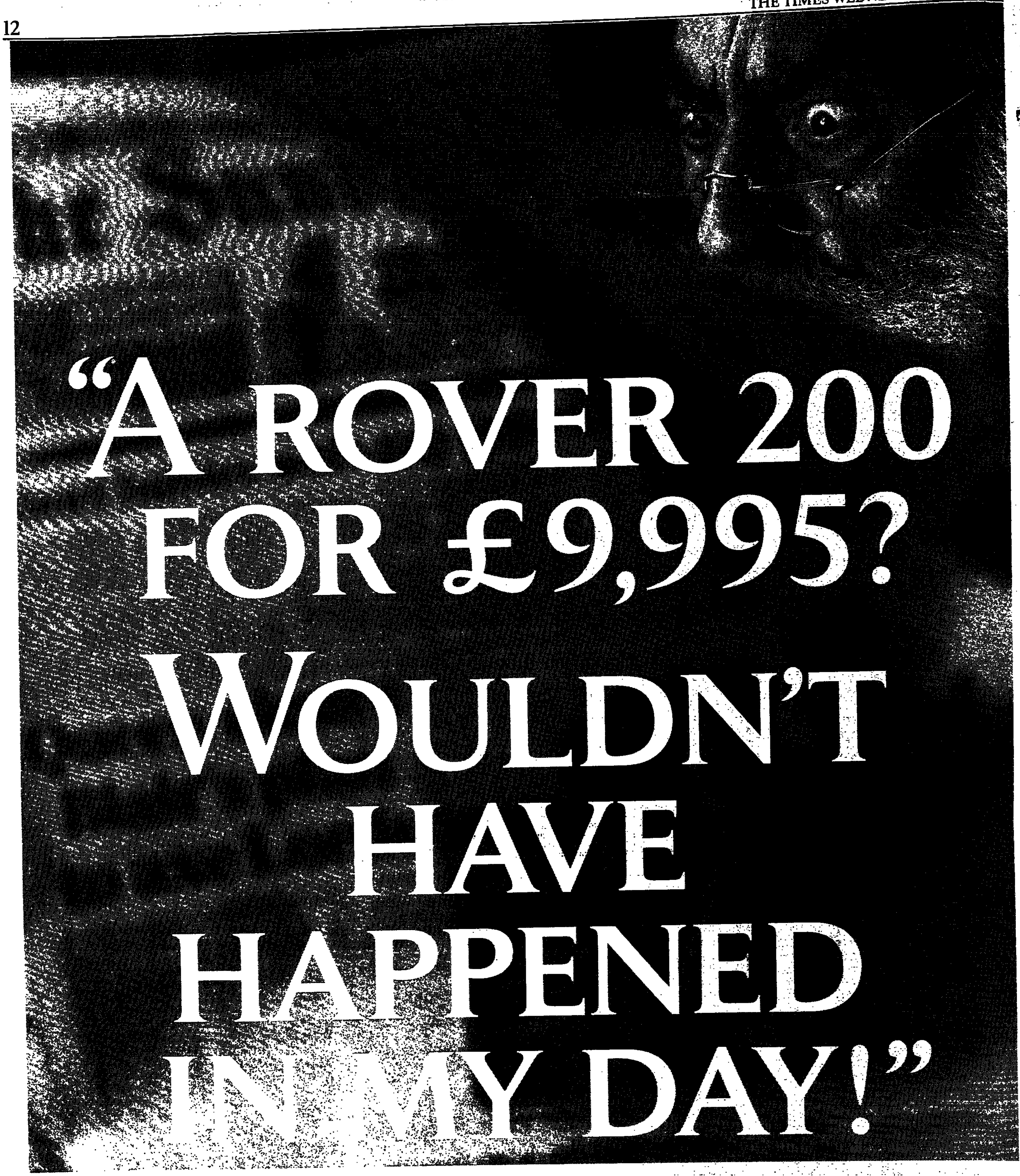

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Priest attacks false piety of church school applicants

By Peter Foster

A PRIEST has accused parents of pretending to be devout Christians and turning up to Mass at his church to secure places for their children at a successful Roman Catholic primary school.

Father Ben O'Rourke, a priest in Harborne, Birmingham, said that parents were making a synthetic show of devoutness to impress governors of St Mary's Primary School. Writing in his weekly newsletter, Father O'Rourke told parishioners: "Each year some parents become very committed to St Mary's for the few months before their child is due to start at school. Other parents lie about their commitment to the practice of their faith in St Mary's."

Regulars at St Mary's become suspicious when the congregation grows shortly before the start of each school year. The upsurge in piety has been prompted by the success of the parish school, which has climbed to number 23 in the local educational league tables.

"The seeds of new-found faith, which sprout so encouragingly before the deadline for enrolment, tend to wilt once children are accepted. Interviewing prospective parents began five years ago when demand for places outstripped supply. This year a glowing inspectors' report which rated the 210-pupil school as "excellent" led to a flood of applications. Ninety families are competing for the 30 places available in its reception class for four-year-olds in September.

Ploys employed by would-be parents include giving false home addresses to convince the selection panel that they live close enough to the school for their children to be considered. Some parents have stooped to providing false references from other churches to establish their devotional credentials.

The headmistress and governors of St Mary's have taken to vetting parents in lengthy interviews to separate the wheat from the chaff. One Harborne parent, Simon Baylis, who has sent all of his four children to St Mary's since he moved to Birmingham eight years ago, said that his former church in Bristol had been contacted as part of the vetting procedure.

Father O'Rourke said that interviewing every family was the only way of being sure of getting the right children at the school: "We are very sorry if, at the interviews, we may have seemed to ask impertinent questions," he said.

"Lying about your faith is deceptive and I am angry that places which could be going to children from families with a genuine sense of faith are being wasted. It is also not ideal for the children themselves. If they are accepted, they are going to be placed in a Catholic school where they are going to be taught about our faith and values. It will be confusing for the child if these values are not then reinforced in the home.

"In the interviews we want to find out whether parents know the priest or many members of the congregation. It can be a bit of an ordeal."

The recent difficulties at St Mary's come as no surprise to the Roman Catholic Schools Commission, which said that such deception by parents was common practice throughout the country.

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Heads want more cash for best who take over the worst

By David Charter, education correspondent

HEAD teachers urged the Government yesterday to help the worst schools by offering the highest salaries.

Struggling schools were finding it harder to recruit heads in a climate where experienced staff were leaving the profession in droves, the National Association of Head Teachers said. A survey for the association yesterday disclosed that the number of heads and deputies leaving the profession through ill health or premature retirement had risen by 62 per cent since last year.

In some local authorities, including Hereford and Worcester, Oldham, Wigan and Trafford, the exodus was at more than double last year's rate. In Stockton-on-Tees there was a rise from three to 16 and in Caerphilly a leap from two to 19. It was fuelled by pension rule changes which left head teachers in their fifties a choice of leaving this summer or being effectively "locked in" until 60.

The survey of 64 local authorities found 1,200 heads and deputies leaving early. For head teachers, the rate of early retirement leapt by 90 per cent while ill health departures were up 20.4 per cent.

David Hart, general secretary of the association, called at the opening of the annual conference in Scarborough yesterday for an across-the-board rise in the primary head teacher's average salary of £30,000 and the secondary heads' £44,000. "These salaries are not adequate for the responsibilities carried by heads and deputies," he said. "They are well below the levels which would be earned by people in posts of similar responsibility elsewhere."

He added: "A mechanism has also got to be found to attract the very best heads into the more deprived schools, to rescue those schools in difficulty. All over the country we have acting heads, not for one term but for three or four, because people are not coming forward to be recruited."

He urged David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, to put pressure on the Treasury.

ALAN WELLER

Portrait of a man who has won £12m

By Carol Midgley

HE DOES not look like a man with £12.3 million. The sheer size of his new fortune seemed to be only just sinking in yesterday for David Ashcroft as he sat on a public bench after a reception to mark the third-largest win on the National Lottery.

Mr Ashcroft, 30, is a cabinet maker in Liverpool. A bachelor, he lives with his parents, has never had a long-term girlfriend and has never been abroad. He said: "I'm an ordinary, quiet, very introvert, family man. This may change that, but I hope not."

One of the immediate beneficiaries of his new-found wealth may be the Prince of Wales Trust, which gave him a £1,000 bursary to buy the tools of his trade when he was 17, after a Youth Training Scheme. Antique dealers could also be hoping for a windfall. Mr Ashroft said his ambition now was to meet John Blythe, of BBC 1's *Antiques Roadshow*, for advice on how to restore items in his small business.

He was on his own at his terraced home when he watched Saturday's rollover jackpot draw on television, because his family were away on a caravan holiday. In London yesterday, he said: "I put the text on the television and sat there for half-an-hour in disbelief looking at the ticket and looking at the text. I phoned my sister Janet, and I got about two hours' sleep. I put the ticket in my wallet and then put the wallet under my pillow."

He is now the biggest solo winner since Terry Benson, from Humberside, scooped just over £20 million in 1995, and a factory worker, Mukhtar Mohidin, won £17.8 million in 1994. "I think there will be financial security for me and the family now, and I can work because I want to and not because I have to. Who knows what the future is going to bring? If Miss Right is out there things might possibly change, but I have no plans."

First, he intends to buy a van and new equipment for his business, and take a two-week break with his family, which includes two sisters and a brother.

A neighbour, Doreen Jones, who lives opposite the family in Mossley Hill, Liverpool, said: "He is a lovely bloke, very quiet, and he works very hard. He is a real craftsman. We are all shocked round here, but it couldn't have happened to anyone nicer."

Alzheimer victims 'neglected in care'

By Ian Murray
medical correspondent

MANY Alzheimer's sufferers are manhandled, over-drugged and force-fed in residential care homes, according to a report published today. The survey found that overworked, under-trained staff were often left to cope with residents suffering from severe dementia but relatives tended to be too frightened to complain about poor treatment.

Typical of many responding to the survey by the Alzheimer's Disease Society was a woman in Hampshire. "I asked staff many times to help him," she wrote. "The men were only shaved about every three or four days, with the same razor. I visited my husband almost daily to wash and redress him, feed him and shave him. Many times I found him with urine-soaked trousers. He was locked in a chair for hours. I was scared to say too much in case they took it out on him."

The society says most who responded to the survey in January were happy with the care their relative received. But one in ten described examples of mistreatment and neglect — a level that was "of grave concern".

Even if treatment was generally good, more than half the respondents complained that their relatives were given drugs to control their behaviour without consultation. "The first home my father was in could not cope with dementia and drugged him to encourage him to sit in a chair with his chin on his chest all day," a Berkshire woman wrote. Lack of stimulation was another common complaint. "They were fed well but being short-staffed there was little time to converse and sit individually with residents, who spend much of their time just sleeping or looking aimlesslly at TV," another wrote.

The 1,500 people responding to the survey reported on private, local authority and charity homes but the society found the results were generally similar. The lowest level of satisfaction overall, however, was for respite care provided in private residential homes.

The society says the survey underlines the need for a single registration system for residential and nursing homes. That is because the effects of dementia are progressive and patients admitted to residential homes can detriorate to the point where they ought to be moved to a nursing home.

Day care regulation 'fails to protect children'

By Alexandra Frean
social affairs correspondent

UNTRAINED and poorly regulated childminders are leaving children unsupervised in locked cars or standing outside houses, according to a report published yesterday by the National Children's Bureau.

The study, based on details of 30 disputes between local authorities and childcare providers, found that regulation of day care services was not reliably protecting children from incompetent or inadequate carers.

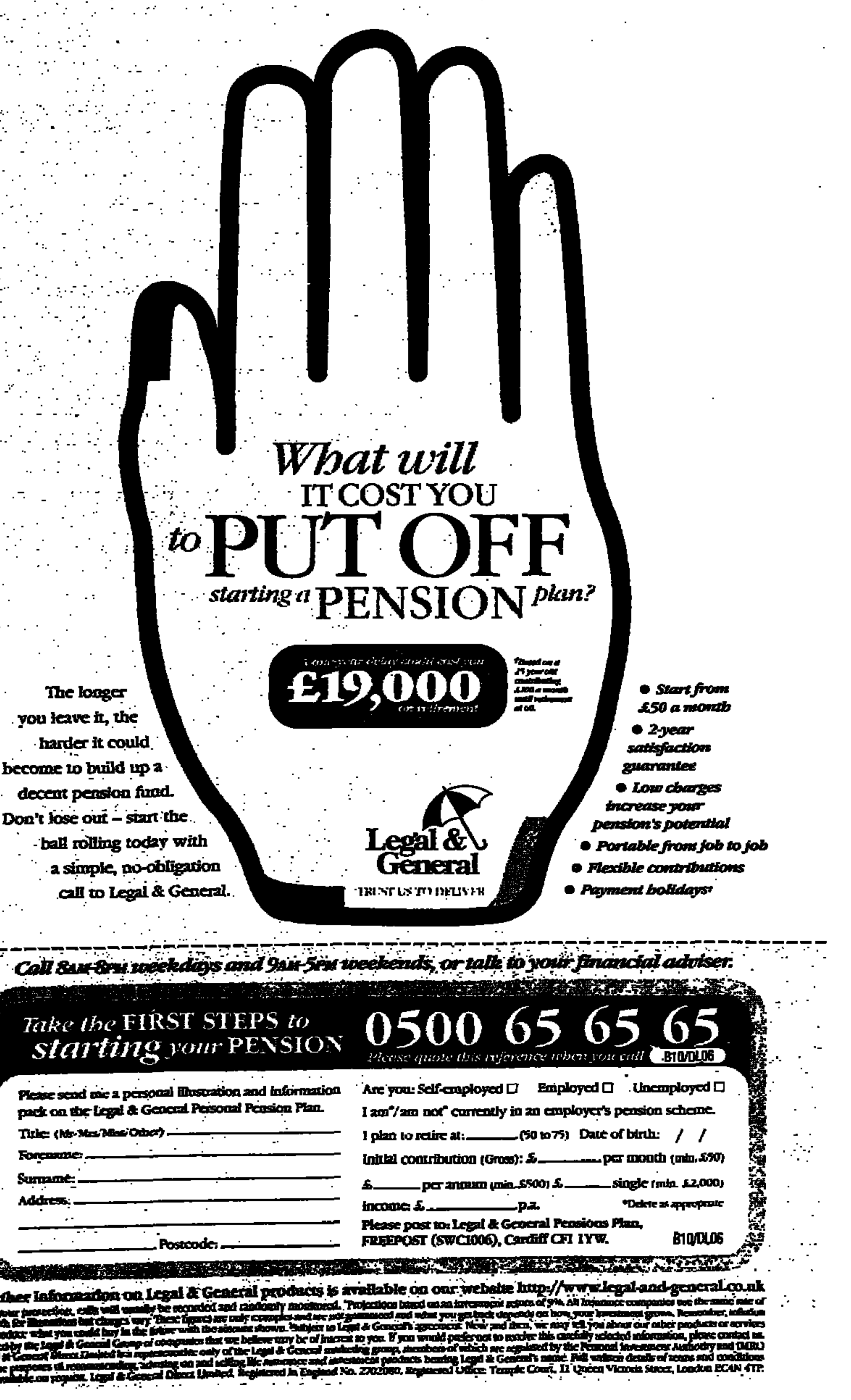
Peter Elfer, senior development officer in the Early Childhood Unit at the bureau and co-author of the report, said that while most services met basic standards set by the Department of Health, almost all the local authorities studied included a small number of carers where services fell seriously below acceptable standards.

"In a number of cases carers have continued to offer a substandard service. This includes instances of children being left alone in cars or outside houses, inappropriate behaviour such as adults rubbing food into children's hair and providers taking on more children or younger children than registration permits," Mr Elfer said.

While standards of day care had improved significantly since the advent of the Children Act 1989, he said, an integrated regulatory framework was needed. In a number of cases where local authorities have taken legal action to maintain standards, the courts have given latitude to carers to continue a service shown to be inadequate.

Colette Kelleher, director of the Daycare Trust, the national childcare charity, welcomed the report and said the current system of regulation was incoherent and inconsistent.

The Daycare Trust is calling for a single regulatory system for all childcare and preschool services and for the regulation of all day care for children up to the age of fourteen.



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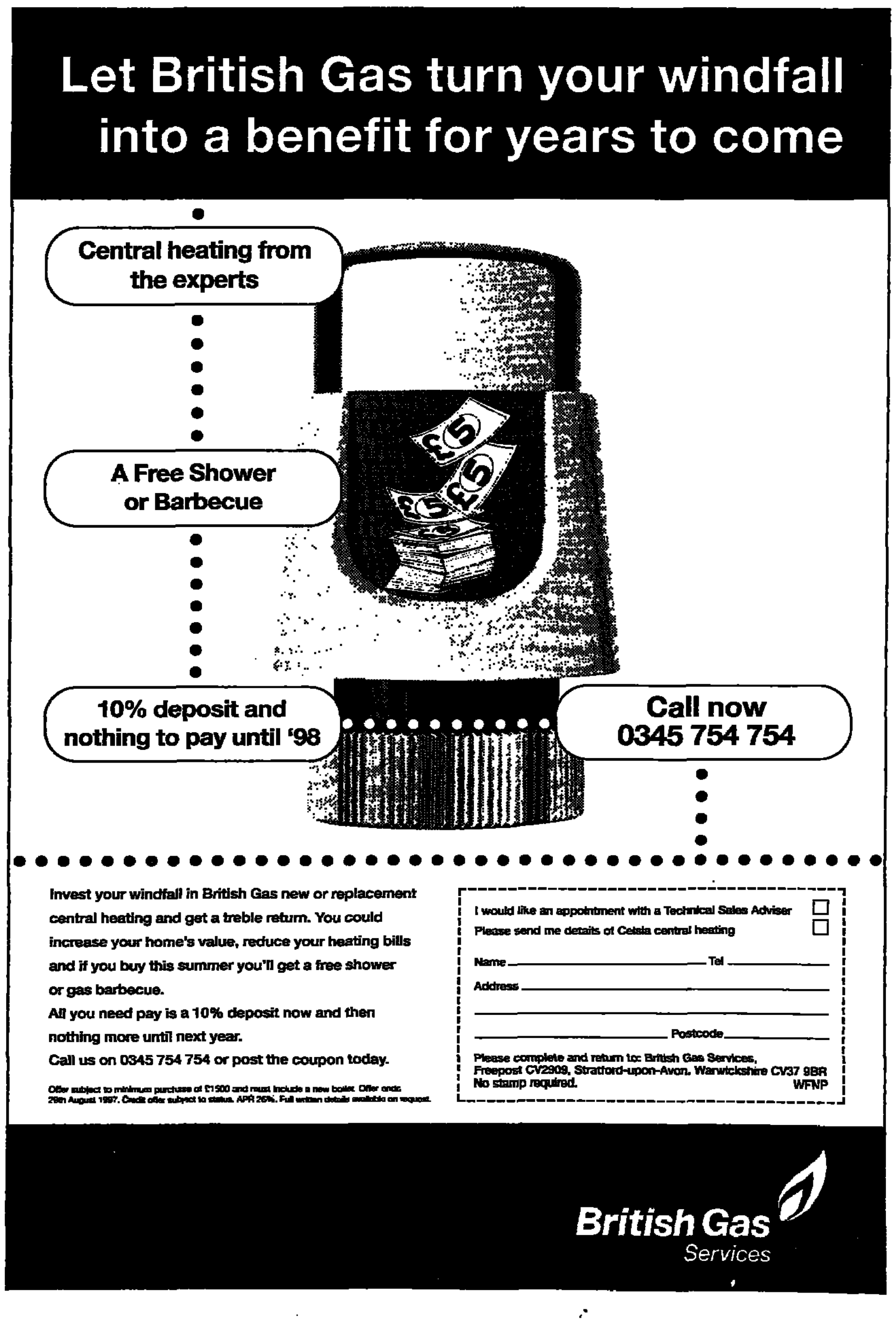

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Hard-faced men of glitzy elite do well out of Balkan wars

Five years of war have left Balkan leaders and their families hugely rich and the rest of the "foot soldier" populations desperately poor, reports **Tom Walker** from Belgrade

Slobodan Milosevic: sumptuous homes

MARKO, Slobodan Milosevic's fast-living son, has opened Serbia's most high-tech discothèque, confirming the family's vast wealth and highlighting the increasing disparity between the former Yugoslavia's political elite and their struggling populations.

The opening night of the Madonna nightclub in the Milosevics' depressed home town of Pozarevac, 40 miles south of Belgrade, was a tasteless tribute to the underworld that controls Serbia today. Outside, smoked-glass Audis and BMWs mingled with police vans, while gangsters' molls paraded beneath laser lights and television screens in an interior modelled on a Spanish hacienda.

Journalists from Belgrade's independent media were ejected and the only television coverage allowed was by TV Pink, the communist channel controlled by the President's wife, Mirijana Markovic. According to witnesses, Marko, 23, sporting a new "Gazza" blond hairstyle, spent much of the evening in a backstage den complete with zebra-pattern sofas.

Yesterday's edition of the Belgrade independent *Dnevni Telegraf* chose this moment to remind its readers how five years of war have only enhanced the fortunes of the leading figures of the war and increased the miseries of the foot soldiers. The Milosevics, it said, used to live in a two-room flat and drive a second-hand Zastava; in these days of austerity, however, they live in a villa amid 16 acres of central Belgrade and own a yacht and villa in Greece as well as much property in Pozarevac.

Marko's antics as the calamitous lead driver of the spendthrift Tref motor racing team are notorious, and his elder sister, Marija, owns a radio station. But the Milosevics' freewheeling lifestyle pales into insignificance when compared to the wealth accrued by Croatia's Tudjman family; President Tudjman was acclaimed recently by an Austrian newspaper as the "richest man in Central Europe".

The Tudjmans, notes the *Telegraf*, had a good war. While the President was able to buy his villa on the hillsides overlooking Zagreb for the knockdown price of DM 200,000 (£72,000), his son, Stjepan, supplied the Croatian Army with food and clothing. His daughter, Nevanka, meanwhile, earned her epithet of "Madame Mercedes", taking over the Nema department store and all duty-free shops at Croatia's airports and border crossings.

The President's grandson, Dejan Kosutic, who began his career as owner of a shooting range, has since taken over Kaptol Bank, with a founding capital of DM5 million.

Turkish newspapers have uncovered big property investments in the Izetbegovic name in Istanbul and Bursa. "Give me those $3 million, it is my money," President Izetbegovic's wife, Halila, is alleged to have said once to a fundraiser. However, none of the rumours has been substantiated by the local press, which is notorious for its backbiting.

As for the rest of former Yugoslavia's Presidents, Gligorov of Macedonia and Kucan of Slovenia, the *Telegraf* has kinder words, labelling them as "rather modest". But "Slobodan, Franjo [Tudjman] and Alija [Izetbegovic] became rich while their fellow-countrymen suffered and got killed in the war," the *Telegraf* said, concluding with a Chinese proverb: "It is a shame to be rich and fat in a country of the poor."

Wolf the spymaster escapes jail over Cold War kidnaps

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

THE "man without a face" — the former East German spymaster, Markus Wolf — has been convicted by a German court of three kidnappings during the Cold War and given a two-year suspended prison sentence.

The 74-year-old former journalist and East German folk hero yesterday stood impassively as the verdict was read out in the same high-security Düsseldorf court room where he was convicted of treason and espionage in 1993.

Then state prosecutors were denied their chance to imprison Wolf after the Constitutional Court cleared him on appeal in 1995 on the ground that, as an East German citizen, he could not have betrayed West Germany — then a foreign country.

Undeterred, and spurred on by what Wolf told the court last week was "pure revenge", West German authorities charged him with kidnapping and assault, having unearthed three cases from the early Cold War days.

Yesterday the man who ran a network of about 4,000 foreign agents for nearly 30 years from his East Berlin headquarters was found guilty on four counts of kidnapping, two of coercion and two of causing injury, ending a spate of high-profile communist trials since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

"I suppose I should be able to live with this," Wolf, whose memoirs have been serialised by *Stern*, the magazine, ahead of general publication next month, told a news conference after the High Court verdict and sentencing.

He was convicted of organising the kidnapping of a Ministry for State Security (Stasi) official who had fled to West Germany, and the Berlin abduction of a Nato secretary whom his staff tried to persuade to spy for the Communists. He was implicated, too, in the arrest of an East German whom the Stasi wanted to involve in a plot to expose the former West German Chancellor, Willy Brandt, as a Nazi collaborator.

West German prosecutors demanded a three-and-a-half-year jail term in their summing up last week. Wolf had denied all the charges and retaliated in a rare emotional outburst, accusing them of conducting a political trial aimed at making him a scapegoat for all the other former Communist bloc leaders.

"This was a political trial," he said yesterday. "Every agent in both the East and West could be prosecuted for kidnapping." But Ina Obst-Oellers, the senior judge, told the court in her two-hour summing-up that Wolf was a criminal, not political, target. "I want to set the record firmly straight that he was not convicted because he was a Stasi symbol," she said. "He was accused of concrete crimes."

The once elusive figure, dubbed "the man without a face" because Western agents failed for nearly 20 years to photograph him, Wolf is now constantly in the public eye. Shattering the myth of the spy known only as Mischa — on whom the author John le Carré based his sinister character, Karla — he has appeared on endless television chat-shows and written a Russian cookery book.

A charming and manipulative man, Wolf achieved the ultimate coup by planting a mole as Brandt's personal adviser, leading to the Chancellor's resignation in 1974. He also perfected the art of Romeo-spying — using agents to seduce lonely female members of staff in key West German government posts.

Brandt: resigned over mole in his office

KARL-HEINZ KREIFELTS / AP

Markus Wolf leaves a Düsseldorf court yesterday after being given a suspended jail sentence for "concrete crimes" when he ran East Germany's spy network

Fine sense of timing yields riches for artist of deception

FROM ROGER BOYES IN HAMBURG

SPYMASTERS survive because they have eyes in the back of their heads, ears that bend round corners and tongues that fork. They are, in short, political freaks.

The sentencing yesterday of Markus Wolf demonstrated another quality: immaculate timing. Somehow "the man without a face" managed to twin the final verdict on his Cold War activities with the publication of his memoirs in Germany and abroad. Bad publicity is good publicity for a 74-year-old espionage boss hawking his story.

The money — around £70,000 alone from *Stern* magazine for serialisation rights — will help with the lawyers and probably buy him a new house outside Berlin to be shared with his third wife, Andrea. There is talk of a Hollywood film, and the ex-Stasi general should end up with more cash than if he had taken up a CIA offer to live as an anonymous "consultant" in California.

This is the modern, cynical way: to pick up the cheques on the way out of the courtroom. Yet Wolf, despite his obvious opportunism, is not really of our age. The Cold War kidnapping cases brought against him in Düsseldorf seemed hopelessly out of date but they form a more important part of his personal history than the current round of television talkshows. There is blood on Wolf's hands.

Wolf belongs to an era when spy and police ministers were pivotal to change in the communist system. Beria played a key part in the last days of Stalin. Andropov as KGB chief had a role in the Brezhnev succession struggle and briefly became Soviet leader himself. In Romania, Virgil Magureanu, a recently retired spy chief, helped to lever Nicolae Ceausescu out of his seat of power.

The spymaster accumulates power in a police state — Fouché and Himmler show that this is not a uniquely communist phenomenon.

But communist espionage bosses did share habits — they were almost all passionate hunters of game, though Wolf claims he gave up field sports after marrying Andrea — and citizens, spied on and harassed, often attributed to them a high degree of sensitivity.

Andropov was said to be a jazz fan who wrote poetry; General Czeslaw Kiszczak, Polish Interior Minister during martial law, sought out intellectuals. Artists needed to travel, require passports and exit permits, and thus entered the sphere of a spy and police chief. Films had to be viewed, books had to be read before they could be banned and censored, and so literate spymasters were always up to date — great conversationalists. This is the reason for the general fascination with Wolf. John le Carré, whose fictional spies have artistic souls, recreated Wolf in his "Karla".

There was thus no real paradox in Wolf's brutality and his image as a man of letters. It was the very essence of his authority.

Big investors wary of Germany

BY DEBORAH COLLCUTT

FOREIGN investment in Germany sunk to a record low last year, according to figures released by the Economics Ministry. International companies and investors contributed a mere £420 million to the country's total foreign income compared with nearly £7 billion the previous year.

Meanwhile, Germany is increasing its investment abroad with Britain emerging as the second favourite country after America. Last year nearly £15 billion flowed out into plants, branches and offices abroad and £1.8 billion was invested in Britain.

One reason for the lack of foreign income is the high cost of setting up a business and employing staff in Germany where non-wage contributions such as health, pensions and unemployment insurances discourage investors.

"Since 1995 foreign firms have been reluctant to come to Germany," said Holgar Schmieding, a Merrill Lynch economist. "It was devastating; we had a double-whammy — an overvalued mark and excess wage rises. Although the situation has improved a little, Germany has earned a bad reputation."

In real terms, pay rises in 1995 amounted in some sectors to increases of nearly 10 per cent, which led financial experts to advise against investing in Germany. "Many went elsewhere in Europe — for example, Britain, which is popular for its low wage costs and flexible working practices, or America or Asia," said Herr Schmieding. Also significant is a top tax band of 53 per cent.

A recent National Chamber of Commerce and Industry survey revealed that, out of about 7,200 German companies questioned, 28 per cent planned to move their production base out of the country over the next three years.

Siemens, Germany's second largest employer, has announced it is removing 70 per cent of its business, with the loss of thousands of domestic jobs. The electronics and electrical engineering giant, with a workforce of 379,000, will soon have more staff abroad than at home.

Günther Rexrodt, the Economics Minister, tried to put a brave face on the underlying trend of falling investment, saying: "It merely shows that German companies are globalising and are aware of making themselves competitive on the world market.

"The economic situation is improving and we are confidant of a rise in foreign investment this year."

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Poland's castles lure Jackson

FROM PATRICIA KOZA
IN WARSAW

MICHAEL JACKSON, the singer, yesterday made a visit to Warsaw to meet officials about investing in an entertainment park.

He took a helicopter tour of the Polish capital to survey possible sites and then made a whirlwind visit of three historic castles and palaces and a former royal park.

"This will be something magnificent ... which may become a great European attraction," Marcin Swiecicki, the Mayor, said in greeting Jackson at the airport. Reports that Jackson was trying to buy a castle in southwestern Poland were not confirmed, but a Warsaw-based spokeswoman for the singer said: "He's really strongly interested in this part of Central Europe."

Files show how Perón sold passports to fleeing Nazis

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI, SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

ARGENTINA, long known as a favoured haven for Nazi war criminals, has decided to investigate its controversial postwar history and is reconstructing details of how hundreds of Nazis bought "passports to freedom" to enjoy their twilight years along the River Plate.

An independent commission, made up of academics and representatives of Argentina's 300,000-strong Jewish community, was set up last week to analyse piles of declassified government files which document the country's "Nazi-friendly" stand after the Second World War.

"Doors were opened to fleeing Nazis. They were given false passports and protected by the Argentine Foreign Ministry," said Beatriz Gurevich, a member of the investigating team. "Hundreds of Nazis bought their passports to freedom from Argentine embassies and came live-to-live here unperturbed."

Some of the 20,000 documents analysed so far reveal that between 1945 and 1955 the Government of General Juan Domingo Perón welcomed notorious Nazis and sought out those with medical and engineering expertise. At least 2,000 passports were sold to suspected Nazis.

"Perón instructed his embassies to encourage immigration of skilled Nazis and was interested in acquiring medical, engineering and military expertise," said Señora Gurevich. He also appointed a close friend and businessman of German origin, Rodolfo Freude, to travel to Europe and arrange the Nazi "escape routes". Freude appears to have spent much time speeding up visa applications at Argentine embassies in Switzerland, France and Italy.

The investigating team is searching for written proof that German submarines came to the coast of Patagonia, as a means for Nazis to transport stolen Jewish gold. "We suspect that some documents were destroyed by Perón's men when he was outsted from power," said Señora Gurevich.

President Menem is personally backing Argentina's effort to "make up" to the world's Jewish community, even though this has upset several members of his ruling Peronist Party.

"President Menem is the first to come out against the populist figure of General Perón," said Rubén Beraja, vice-president of the International Jewish Council.

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Red Sea summit gives impetus to search for peace

From Christopher Walker in Sharm el-Sheikh

THREE hours of crisis talks between Israeli and Egyptian leaders yesterday secured what both sides called "a positive beginning" to bringing Israel and the Palestinians back to the negotiating table.

The meeting between President Mubarak of Egypt and Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, in a luxury Red Sea villa came days after Israeli intelligence chiefs warned the Israeli Government that it risked a "regional war" with Arab neighbours if the deadlock in the 1993 peace process was not resolved. In a report sent to Mr Netanyahu, Shin Bet, Israel's equivalent of MI5, said that, if new Israeli-Palestinian violence erupted and Israel's forces recaptured Palestinian territory as threatened under an operation codenamed Field of Thorns, "the Arab countries will have no other option but to get into a war with us".

Yesterday, in contrast to recent tension between Jerusalem and Cairo, President Mubarak and Mr Netanyahu avoided recriminations. Instead, they agreed to launch a new round of shuttle diplomacy between Israel and the Palestinian Authority by a high-ranking Egyptian special envoy, Osama el-Baz.

However, some Egyptian journalists suggested that the summit had been a failure because it had not immediately reinitiated the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, suspended since work started on the Har Homa settlement in east Jerusalem. President Mubarak said continued efforts would be made to arrange a three-way summit involving Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian leader, Yassir Arafat.

Mr Mubarak said he had failed to persuade Mr Arafat to attend yesterday's meeting, staged on part of the Sinai coast returned to Egypt by Israel under the 1979 peace treaty. As armed Egyptian agents kept back crowds of holidaymakers from a nearby hotel, the Israeli and Egyptian delegations signalled that diplomacy was still needed to bridge the gap over the expansion of Jewish settlements. Palestinians say settlement building must stop if peace talks are to be resumed.

Claims surfaced at the summit that Israel was sending chewing gum laced with aphrodisiacs to the Palestinian Authority (Christopher Walker writes). Saleh Abdulal, a director at the Palestinian Ministry of Supplies, said tests on gum smuggled into the West Bank and Gaza showed it contained an adrenaline-like substance. *(Reuter)*

The bonhomie of the two leaders yesterday contrasted with the anger of Egyptian journalists from Cairo, who shouted at one senior Israeli official: "If you are not prepared to stop building at Har Homa, why are you continuing to waste our time and that of our President by coming here?"

Israeli officials on the air force jet carrying the Prime Minister went out of their way to praise the new "honest broker" role now being played by Egypt, which only days ago had been accused by Mr Netanyahu of encouraging the Palestinian hard line.

"Something is cooking. There will be developments in coming days and weeks and we really think they will reach a positive conclusion," one Israeli official said.

Mr Netanyahu refused to reveal what, if any, sweeteners he had offered the Palestinians to resume the negotiations. However, he pointedly refused at a lively news conference to repeat his bullish pledges about settlement expansion and continued building at Har Homa.

Nabil Osman, senior Egyptian spokesman, said: "Mr Netanyahu has at last become aware of the damage that can result to all sides from a prolonged stalemate. We are now at the beginning of a new process. But Egypt cannot deliver anybody, especially the Palestinians, on a platter."

☐ **Amman:** A Jordanian army corporal yesterday pleaded not guilty to charges of murdering seven Israeli schoolgirls in March. Ahmed Daqamseh, 26, entered the plea on the first day of his trial on charges of opening fire on Israeli schoolgirls on an outing to the island of Naharayim on the River Jordan. Six other girls were injured in the attack. *(AP)*

ALADIN ABDEL / REUTER

Iran's President-elect, Muhammad Khatami, at his first news conference yesterday after being swept to victory in last week's poll

US expresses cautious optimism over Iran's new moderate leader

From Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia
and Tom Rhodes in Washington

AMERICA and Iran warily watched each other's moves yesterday, each insisting that a new relationship was possible if the other took the initiative.

Iran's President-elect Muhammad Khatami insisted that Washington and not Iran held the key to ending the enmity between the two. The Clinton Administration denied any long-term animosity and said the United States would make direct overtures to the Tehran regime if there were active signs of change.

Washington wants signs of change in four specific areas: Iran's support for terrorism, weapons proliferation, Iranian sponsorship of violent opposition to the Middle East peace process, and human rights.

"The election is obviously an important and very interesting development and we recognise this as a significant moment in Iran," one American official said. "We are encouraged by what Mr Khatami has said, but we want to give him time to get his house in order."

Envoys in Tehran said there were grounds for cautious optimism that Mr Khatami, dubbed "Ayatollah Gorbachev" by the diplomatic corps, would gradually steer his country to a more moderate path, which could persuade Washington to reduce its hostility. By delivering on pledges of greater personal freedom, Mr Khatami could project a gentler image of Iran abroad. But any shift in Iran's foreign policy would be far more tentative and gradual, they said.

"He needs to be much more firmly ensconced because the hardliners are watching closely for anything that smacks of compromise," a European envoy said in Tehran. "But if, as expected, he appoints a woman Cabinet minister and improves human rights, it could start a virtuous circle.

"You already have many American think-tanks saying the tough line on Iran is getting nowhere. The problem is persuading Congress."

Tehran rejects the charges that it sponsors terrorism and is trying to develop nuclear weapons, but sees no reason to deny that it opposes the Middle East peace process — referred to by the Iranian media as "the compromise process". Iranian analysts believe Mr Khatami will work in tandem with the like-minded outgoing President Rafsanjani, who will retain great influence as head of a newly expanded Expediency Council.

However, Mr Khatami has been at pains to demonstrate he has no intention of challenging the basis of the Islamic revolution. One of his first moves was to pray at the late Ayatollah Khomeini's gold-domed mausoleum at Behest-e Zahra, south of Tehran. It stands alongside a sprawling cemetery that accommodates tens of thousands of "martyrs" who fell in the eight-year war with Iraq — an enemy many Iranians believe was aided by Washington.

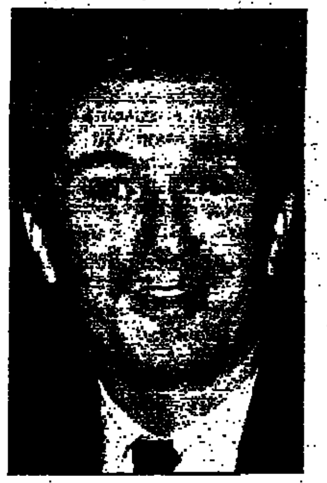
"Our relations with the United States will depend on observing changes in their attitude towards us, but unfortunately we have not seen anything," Mr Khatami said at his first news conference yesterday after defeating the hardline parliamentary Speaker, Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, in last Friday's elections.

Many European diplomats believe Washington will have to make the first gesture of goodwill. Iranian hardliners were quick to capitalise on attempts by President Rafsanjani, to woo the West.

The Iranian leader won little in return for helping to free the Western hostages in Lebanon or for keeping Iran neutral in the Gulf War that liberated Kuwait. Iranian diplomats say he hoped the United States would release Iranian assets frozen in the US at the time of the 1979 American hostage crisis. Iran claims they amounted to about $12 billion (£7.5 billion), although America says the figure is closer to $1 billion. The case has dragged on at a tribunal in The Hague for years.

Britain voices misgivings on rights under Arafat

From Dina Shiloh in Jerusalem



Fatchett: human rights have to be safeguarded

BRITAIN emphasised yesterday the need for the Palestinian Authority to be more democratic if it was to ensure continuation of the European Union's financial assistance.

Derek Fatchett, the Foreign Office Minister now touring the Middle East, spoke in Jerusalem about the need to ensure that human rights are safeguarded in the Palestinian Authority's territory.

Referring to the imprisonment last week of Daoud Kuttab, the Palestinian television station director who was broadcasting the proceedings of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Mr Fatchett said: "There will be no *à la carte* approach to human rights. There will be no situation in which we drop our concern about human rights. I understand the concern about human rights issues in the Palestinian entity, and those issues will be discussed with President Arafat."

Mr Fatchett was meeting Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, in Gaza last night. The minister also called for financial accountability in the authority. Almost two fifths of its budget, £202 million, was wasted or misused last year, according to a report issued by the authority's audit office.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Polish vote faces court challenge

Warsaw: Official figures released yesterday show that Poles approved by 52 per cent to 45 per cent a new democratic constitution to carry the country into the 21st century, but Solidarity-based Roman Catholic and right-wing groups said they will challenge the vote in court (Patricia Koza writes).

Less than 42 per cent of the 28.3 million eligible voters turned out, prompting protests that Sunday's referendum was invalid. The largest opposition group, Solidarity Election Action, had called for a "No" vote.

China protest as fishermen held

Manila: The Chinese Embassy has protested to the Philippine Government over the detention of 21 Chinese fishermen in a disputed area of the South China Sea (Abby Tan writes). The fishermen are being held in Subic, north of Manila. The disputed area, Scarborough Shoal, is 130 miles west of Subic.

Army purged

Ankara: Necmettin Erbakan, Turkey's Islamic Prime Minister, dismissed 161 army officers. He had been forced into the move by secular army chiefs suspicious of fundamentalist infiltration. *(AFP)*

India challenge

Delhi: Former minister Rajesh Pilot is challenging Sitaram Kesri as leader of the Congress party. It will be the first leadership contest within the scandal-tainted party since 1977. *(AFP)*

Moscow attack

Moscow: Lyubov Kezina, 50, a top education official in the Russian capital, was wounded in an assassination attempt that police believe could be linked to her examination reforms. *(Reuter)*

Rangoon ban

Rangoon: Riot police blocked roads leading to the homes of Aung San Suu Kyi, the pro-democracy leader, and her deputies to stop supporters commemorating their 1990 election victory. *(AP)*

Profit of doom

Seoul: A building worker depressed by bribe-taking politicians dumped the equivalent of thousands of dollars outside city hall, causing a traffic jam as people scrambled for the notes. *(Reuter)*

Lolita of butterfly world flutters in

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

A LATIN American butterfly has been named after Lolita by lepidopterists who admire the work of Vladimir Nabokov. The *Madeleinia lolita* is a pert little flutterer — rather like the Russian author's celebrated creation — and belongs to a group of small blue butterflies known as Polyommatini.

Kurt Johnson, a lepidopterist with the Florida State Collection of Anthropods, and Zsolt Bálint, a researcher at the Hungarian Museum of Natural History in Budapest, commemorated Nabokov because of his "substantial contribution to the world of butterfly studies". The Russian held a part-time position at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology where he dedicated long hours to the study of "Latin American blues", producing a seminal taxonomic classification.

Dr Johnson and Dr Bálint, who recently discovered three species of Latin American blues, called one after Lolita and named another *Pseudolucia humbert* after Humbert Humbert, the nymphet's middle-aged pursuer.

Nabokov used lepidopterists' images in his books. Many *Lolita* names echo those of butterflies and the town's name, Schmetterling, is butterfly in German.

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Kabila: had shown his "democratic commitment"

Mandela supports curbs in Congo

FROM INIGO GILMORE
IN JOHANNESBURG

IN DEFIANCE of Western expectations, President Mandela demonstrated his support for the new regime in Kinshasa by backing Laurent Kabila's widely criticised decision to ban all party political activity in the renamed Democratic Republic of Congo.

Mr Mandela said it would be "suicidal" to permit political activity until such time as the new Government got a firm grip on law and order.

The South African leader, speaking after talks in Cape Town with President Museveni of Uganda, said that Mr Kabila, the Congo Republic's self-declared head, had shown a commitment to democracy in areas under his control. Mr Mandela accused Western governments of demonising Mr Kabila.

"You must judge what President Kabila is doing against the specific conditions that exist there," Mr Mandela said, noting that 250 political parties exist in a country the size of Western Europe. "It would be suicidal for him to allow the operation of parties before he has a firm grip on the government of the country. I think that we can trust him, on the basis of his record, to keep his word."

Opposition politicians in Kinshasa have said they will defy Mr Kabila with a march in the capital today, a day before he is officially sworn in as the new president, and that they will follow this up with protests next week.

Ruling on sexual harassment case hampers Clinton

After riding high in the polls, the President may be saddled with the need to defend himself in a civil action, reports **Tom Rhodes** in Washington

THE Supreme Court decision to allow Paula Jones to pursue her case against Bill Clinton was deemed a disastrous political body blow to his presidency last night.

The White House, which had no initial comment on the court's opinion, has always maintained that the Constitution protects sitting Presidents from having to answer civil actions.

But the first ruling of its kind yesterday means that Mr Clinton, already enmeshed in the dual controversies of Whitewater and irregular fundraising for his re-election campaign, could become the first President to defend himself against such an action.

Mr Clinton appeared temporarily to have conquered the demons from his past and has been riding high in opinion polls in recent months.

At best, the judgment is likely to trivialise his presidency. But at worst it may have a sharp effect on his ability to formulate any meaningful policy.

The unanimity of the justices will make it impossible to argue the influence of conservative bias. Experts believe the result of the Paula Jones case could encourage a more confrontational approach to the presidency from Republican opponents in Congress.

It could further embolden Kenneth Starr, the indepedent Whitewater prosecutor, and is likely to erode Mr Clinton's support among women. Feminist groups, who have remained largely silent about the affair, may now find a voice.

On a practical public relations level, the decision brings to an end any attempt by the Clinton camp to retain what has been described as the "big-hair defence", namely that the working-class origins of the evangelist's daughter from Lonoke, Arkansas, means that she could never win a case against the President of the United States.

James Carville, a former adviser, often joked that, if you "drag $100 bills through trailer parks, there's no telling what you'll find". Bob Bennett, Mr Clinton's lawyer, who once said he could win the case in 20 minutes, had previously dismissed the action as "tabloid trash with a legal caption on it".

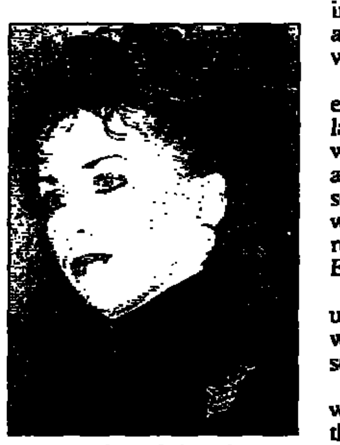
Ms Jones's efforts to win a hearing had been dogged by trouble, from a brother-in-law who went on television to express doubts about her to old nude photographs published by *Penthouse*.

Her appearance on right-wing television, and at a conservative political action conference, had fuelled suspicions that her case was politically motivated.

In recent months, however, her claims have gained credence among the mainstream press in America and more attention has been paid to the fact that her description of the incident to four people, almost immediately after it is said to have happened, tallied with the basis of her allegations.

The important claim to emerge later was that Mr Clinton's genitals had certain "distinguishing characteristics", prompting widespread speculation as to how that assertion could be disproved by the President.

A federal judge in Arkansas had ruled in 1994 that the action should be delayed until Mr Clinton left office, but that "pre-trial discovery" could begin while he was President.



Jones: her claims have gained some credence

In January last year, however, a court of appeals said that the case could go to trial during the President's tenure, forcing a Supreme Court decision.

The case will return to the federal court in Arkansas, where the judge may force Mr Clinton to submit to pre-trial questioning followed by a trial.

While that may put pressure on the President to settle the highly damaging controversy, Ms Jones and her lawyers have rejected any previous attempts at out-of-court compensation.

There are only three other known cases in which sitting Presidents have been involved in civil actions.

Two, against President Theodore Roosevelt and President Truman, were dismissed before they were elected and appeals courts upheld the decisions while they were in office.

President Kennedy was sued before he became President over a car accident during his 1960 campaign. The action was settled while he was in office.

Mr Bennett, attempting an exercise in damage limitation last night, said that he was not worried by the court ruling, and was indeed happy with some of the court's language which required the highest respect for the office of Chief Executive.

The lawyer said it was most unlikely that the President would agree to an out-of-court settlement.

"The President did nothing wrong," Mr Bennett said. "I think that, when all is said and done, the embarrassment will be on the side of Paula Jones."

AP

John Howard, the Prime Minister, at Melbourne's reconciliation convention

Apology to 'stolen children'

FROM ROGER MAYNARD
IN SYDNEY

THE Australian Government was under mounting pressure last night to make amends for one of the most shameful periods in the nation's modern history: the scandal of the stolen children.

It followed the publication of a damning 700-page report into the forced removal of up to 100,000 Aboriginal children from their parents between 1910 and 1970 under a policy of assimilation. John Howard, the Prime Minister, who gave a qualified apology for the misguided actions of past governments at a special reconciliation convention in Melbourne, stopped short of offering compensation to those affected. Mr Howard said he felt "deep sorrow" for those who had suffered. But, as many Aborigines in the audience turned their backs on him in protest, he added: "Australians of this generation should not be required to accept guilt or blame for past actions and policies over which they had no control."

Among the revelations in this week's report is one describing how many fair-skinned Aboriginal children were painted with charcoal by their parents to discourage the white authorities from selecting them as suitable for assimilation. One child who contributed to the document was Millicent — she was little more than a toddler when she was taken from her parents in remote Western Australia.

The next 14 years of her life were a nightmare as she was raped, abused and humilated by the people who were entrusted with her care.

Today many believe that the policy amounted to cultural genocide, and the stolen children who were robbed of a loving family life are demanding reparation.

US boats seized in war over 'poached' salmon

FROM GILES WHITTELL
IN LOS ANGELES
AND RICHARD CLEROUX
IN OTTAWA

FOUR American salmon fishing boats have been seized by the Canadian coastguard off British Columbia, raising the stakes in a simmering dispute over the species that provides much of the Pacific Northwest with its lifeblood.

With their vessels still impounded, the American crews were due to appear in a Vancouver court yesterday charged with failing to report to Canadian authorities or haul in nets while passing through Canadian waters.

The seizures of the boats — including the Seattle-based *Janet G.*, *Nautilus* and *Four Daughters* — came days after the collapse of US-Canadian talks in Ottawa aimed at salvaging a 1985 treaty that calls for the $1 billion-a-year industry to be divided equally. No date has been set for their resumption.

Yves Fortier, Canada's delegate at the talks, walked out abruptly last week, accusing his American counterpart of "bad faith" after she claimed to lack the authority to match a Canadian offer to reduce quotas. Lloyd Axworthy, the Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister, said that talks could not resume until America was prepared to negotiate in good faith.

Seizure of American boats over the weekend sent a clear signal that Canada is prepared to jeopardise its normally amicable relations with Washington over the issue, but by Monday Mr Axworthy's tone was conciliatory. Once an "assessment and examination [of the vessels] is complete, they will be released," he announced. The seizures were legal under regulations brought in last year but seldom enforced.

With the start of the commercial salmon fishing season less than a week away, environmentalists are giving a warning that overfishing of the coastal waters north of Seattle has left some subspecies near extinction.

The fragile 1985 treaty lets American boats pass through Canada's waters on their way to Alaskan fishing grounds. Canadians say they are losing $45 million (£28 million) a year as US boats exceed their annual quotas by four million fish in coastal waters, from where salmon go inland to spawn in Canadian rivers.

Canadians have welcomed the seizures, aware of successful tough stands in the past, including the Newfoundland "turbot war" victory against Spanish vessels two years ago.

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Beetle army declares war on hemlocks' poisonous pests

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN NEW YORK

A VAST army of Japanese ladybird beetles will be let loose shortly in the New England countryside in an audacious attempt to save the region's hemlock trees from being decimated by poisonous aphids from Asia.

The pest, known as the "Hemlock woolly adelgid", was first blown over to the region by Hurricane Gloria in 1985. Twelve years later, it has infested the forests of Connecticut and New Hampshire, serving a death sentence on the hemlock.

The tree — *Tsuga canadensis* — is the most common evergreen in New England's woodlands. Now, tens of thousands are dead or dying. The adelgids, likened by locals to miniature vampires, suck the nitrogen from the hemlock's sap, while injecting the tree with a toxic saliva. To the naked eye, the plague looks like a series of white, woolly dots, tracing zigzag patterns on a tree's trunk. The most effective way of killing the insects is by washing the tree with an insecticidal soap.

Yet this is no easy task. Jim Ingram, a local tree-disease expert, said: "If you don't absolutely drench the tree, you're just wasting your money. You've got to get the undersides of all the branches, including the lowest." The treatment costs at least $100 (£62) per tree — a stiff sum, when missing a single adelgid would defeat the whole project.

At their wits' end, foresters and entomologists have now enlisted the help of a natural predator. The Japanese ladybird beetle, *Pseudocymnus tsugae*, feeds on nothing but the adelgid, and is thought to provide the ideal solution.

An experimental batch, released last year, munched so greedily on the adelgid hordes that hopes for success are high. The battle is set to begin next month.

The New England hemlock, a native American evergreen, should not be confused with the hemlock weed, allegedly ingested by Socrates before he died. The latter is a member of the parsley family.

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Yeltsin signs landmark agreement opening way for Nato expansion eastward

Moscow reaps quick reward for trade-off

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor, and Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

ON THE day that President Yeltsin signed the new Nato-Russia agreement, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development offered Moscow a co-operation pact to help it to liberalise its economy and strengthen ties with the West.

Ministers from the 29 OECD member states, generally seen as the international club of developed free market economies, signed a deal in Paris with Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, in which they promised to help Moscow to establish a "fully fledged market economy within a framework of democratic institutions".

The deal underlines the political trade-off between Russia's acceptance of Nato enlargement and Western efforts to speed up Russian membership of international economic organisations.

President Clinton promised earlier this year that, if Moscow signed a Nato-Russia agreement, he would propose full Russian membership of the Group of Seven countries and rename its annual meeting "the Summit of Eight".

Russia is currently also negotiating for membership of the World Trade Organisation, where it has observer status, and has expressed interest in joining the Paris Club of creditor nations — despite being a debtor nation.

A senior Russian source said yesterday that the Nato-Russia accord was likely to open doors elsewhere in the West. Moscow has resented its long wait in the antechambers of Western organisations; it was made a full member of the Strasbourg-based Council of Europe only last year. It is negotiating a new partnership with the European Union to improve economic access and political dialogue.

The source said that much depended on what came after yesterday's Nato accord. "We will see whether we will go in the right direction towards a common security in Europe or whether Russia will be still treated with some kind of alienation."

Moscow has resented the rapid integration of its former East European satellites into Western bodies, while its own membership negotiations have been more protracted. The OECD, set up 50 years ago, already includes Hungary, the Czech Republic and Poland — the likely first three new Nato members. It has accepted the principle of Russian membership.

To reassure Moscow that Nato expansion is not an aggressive development, yesterday's agreement states that Nato has "no intention, no plan and no reason to deploy nuclear weapons on the territory of new members", and this includes storage facilities. It also underlines that Nato will rely on "adequate" infrastructure for guaranteeing its collective defence responsibilities towards new members, and that does not include deploying substantial forces.

As part of the new deal, there will be a significantly expanded programme of military exercises with Russia to facilitate future joint peacekeeping operations.

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CHARLES PLATIAU / REUTER

President Yeltsin, watched by President Chirac, passes President Clinton's walking stick to him after the Elysée Palace ceremony yesterday

Russians condemn Paris deal

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

PRESIDENT Yeltsin may have been hailed as a hero in Paris when he signed Russia's agreement with Nato yesterday, but he faced a much more hostile reception from his countrymen when he flew home last night.

Amid condemnations from hardline nationalist and Communist leaders that the Kremlin had "capitulated" to the West, Mr Yeltsin also faced a barrage of criticism as he tried to explain how the deal, opening the way to Nato's eastward expansion, can possibly be of any benefit to Russia.

Although the Kremlin has argued that the agreement was the best possible in the circumstances, opposition to Nato enlargement can be heard right across the political spectrum from liberals to hardliners.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, said that the West has betrayed Russia, going back on assurances made in 1990 that the alliance would not expand. Nationalist leaders such as Vladimir Zhirinovsky have also tried to capitalise on the issue.

Chirac hopes TV appeal will turn tide in campaign

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

JACQUES CHIRAC, France's conservative President, faced one of the toughest tests of his political career last night as he sought to head off a left-wing election victory with a direct televised appeal for voters' support.

The success or failure of M Chirac's eleventh-hour attempt to breathe life into the ailing Centre-Right's election campaign is likely to prove the decisive factor in the neck-and-neck race for control of the National Assembly.

The day after Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, announced that he would resign, whatever the outcome of Sunday's final ballot, the battle to succeed him got under way in earnest amid reports that the President was wavering between Philippe Séguin, the popular Gaullist Eurosceptic, and Edouard Balladur, the former Prime Minister, who unsuccesfully challenged M Chirac for the presidency in 1995.

Within hours of M Juppé's announcement, M Séguin was summoned to the Elysée Palace for a meeting with the President. M Balladur jockeyed for the job yesterday via an interview in *Le Monde* in which he called for an authentically French style of economic liberalism.

But unless M Chirac can galvanise support for his centre-right coalition allies, and quickly, he will be have no choice but to appoint a left-wing Prime Minister, almost certainly Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader, and then endure up to five years of prickly power-sharing.

A wave of pessimism has swept through the ranks of the French Government in the wake of last Sunday's first-round ballot in parliamentary elections, when voters expressed their unhappiness — with rising unemployment, high taxes, austerity measures in the run-up to EMU and M Juppé — by awarding the Centre-Right its worst election result in four decades.

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"I think it may be all over," one senior adviser to M Chirac said yesterday. "At best, we may be looking at a majority of three or four seats."

There were few tears shed over M Juppé's departure — "Chirac dissolves Juppé" said the newspaper *Libération* — but whether the unprecedented decision to change Prime Ministers in mid-campaign will save the struggling centre-right majority remains a moot point.

M Chirac has repeatedly emphasised two themes in the past — the need for economic growth through cutting payroll taxes and the importance of reducing regulation while retaining the beloved social "safety net" — and analysts say that, without a more radical gesture, M Chirac's third intervention of the campaign is likely to backfire as badly as the first two.

The President's most extreme move would be to copy the methods of his mentor, Charles de Gaulle, by threatening to resign if he is deserted by the voters. It is not a precedent that M Chirac will take great comfort from, however, since the last time De Gaulle tried that ruse, in 1969, he was defeated and left office a few hours later.

The removal of M Juppé, the most unpopular Prime Minister since the 1950s, may compound M Chirac's problems because voters effectively will be asked to vote the centre-right coalition back into government without knowing who will lead it and thus what policies it will pursue.

Nigeria sends in troops

From James Bone in New York

NIGERIAN reinforcements massed in Sierra Leone yesterday in possible preparation for a counter-attack to restore the elected President ousted in last weekend's coup.

A Nigerian frigate docked and began unloading troops at the port of the capital, Freetown, with the permission of the country's new military rulers. But United Nations sources reported sighting two more Nigerian warships waiting off the coast. There were also unconfirmed reports that Nigerian soldiers were moving towards the former British colony from neighbouring Liberia.

The new military rulers, led by Major Johnny Paul Koromah, reneged on a deal with the small Nigerian and Ghanaian force stationed at the international airport and yesterday took over the facility.

"The question is whether the Nigerians are there to protect Nigerian citizens, or whether they are there for something else," one Western official said.

By one estimate, as many as 24 Nigerian soldiers were killed in the coup that toppled President Ahmad Tejan-Kabbah at the weekend. James Jonah, Sierra Leone's Ambassador at the UN, said Mr Kabbah had asked the Nigerian chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas) for help before fleeing to Guinea.

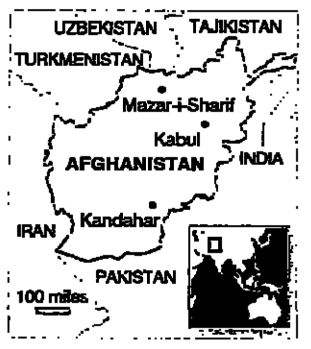
In Bo, the country's second city, reports said up to 8,000 people took the streets to protest against the coup.

Taleban forces fight for supremacy in northern city conquered by 'ally'

From Christopher Thomas in Mazar-i-Sharif

GUNFIRE at dusk last night in the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif, accompanied by screams of panicked citizens running for cover, clarified one fact: the Taleban Islamic militia will brook no partners, and certainly no equals.

The fighting was against the soldiers who captured the city last week, led by General Abdul Malik, a mutineer from the previous rulers. Since then, Taleban forces have been pouring in to overwhelm his troops. Yesterday they tried to disarm some of them: an explosion was inevitable, and it came furiously.



The fighting began in a small way, turning steadily into a full battle as muezzins across the city called the faithful to evening prayers. It is an ill omen for the future of northern Afghanistan and the Central Asian states across the border, threatened with destabilisation by war on their doorsteps.

Russia, its borders 650 miles away, is also worried. Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan are considering their response to the threat, and may invoke a joint military pact. Uzbekistan has built large concrete barriers on the bridge across the Oxus at Hairatan, a riverside village 40 miles north of Mazar-i-Sharif, the only crossing in the area.

The barriers are intended to stop tanks crossing. Uzbek soldiers have been positioned on the bridge and helicopters are patrolling the border. Russia has at least 20,000 troops along Central Asia's southern borders, ready to respond to a military threat. Central Asia is also worried that thousands of refugees could seek to cross the river to escape fighting.

As the battle was going on yesterday, Mullah Mohammed Ghous, the Taleban Foreign Minister, said that Taleban and General Malik had no problems with each other. The general, he said had "invited" Taleban to send 10,000 troops to the north.

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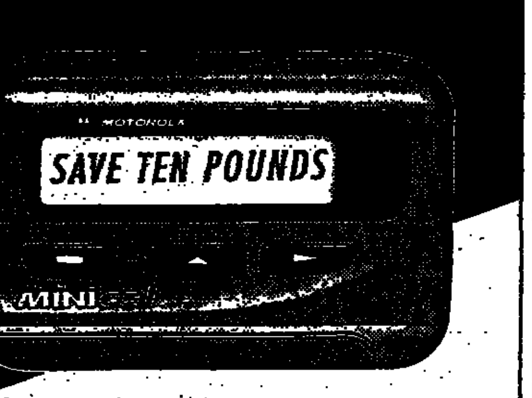

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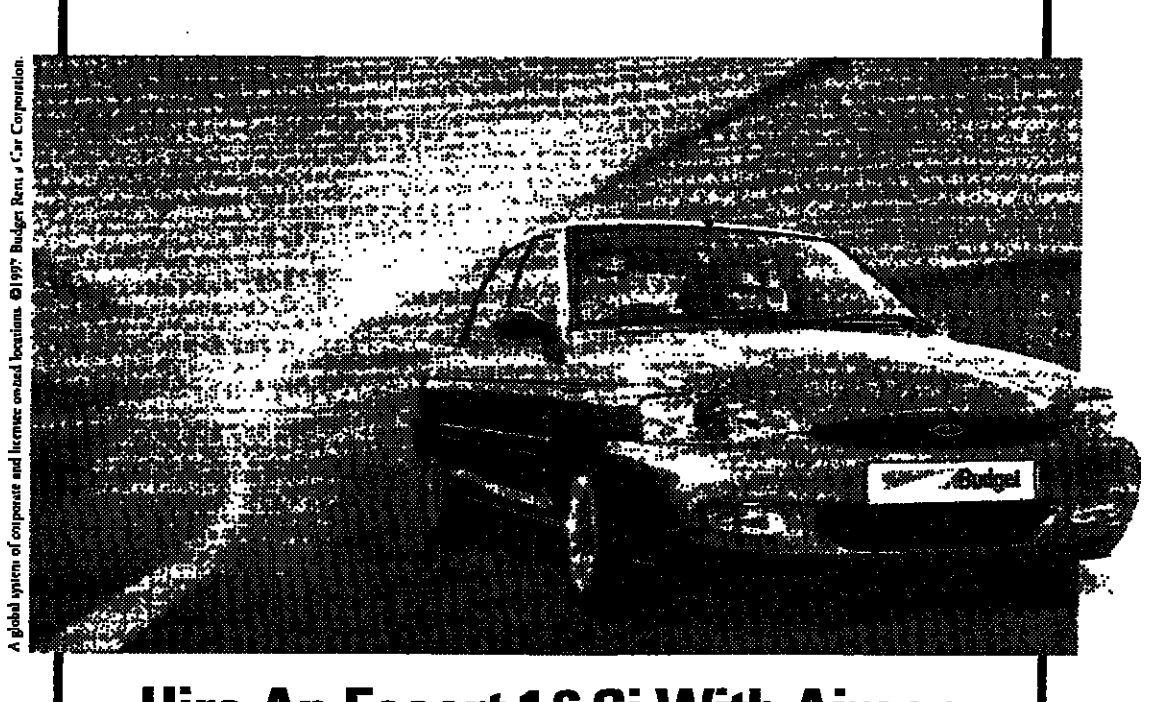

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Designs of the Eighties are back in a Nineties guise

A whiff of nostalgia as Joseph puts a new slant on style

After the sighting of shoulderpads and leggings on the international catwalks at the recent autumn/winter previews, there has been much talk in fashionable circles that "the Eighties" are enjoying a revival. If proof is needed, then the designer and retailer Joseph Ettedgui is the man to talk to. Joseph, as he is known, has just relaunched his Parfum de Jour — a fragrance which, originally packaged in a matt black hip flask in 1985, encapsulated the "designer decade".

"Joseph, his clothes, his store and his perfume were the embodiment of fashion in the Eighties," says the fashion commentator Sally Brampton, Editor of *Elle* from 1985 to1989. "His stores set the style of the decade and he was always the first to understand and stock the important and radical new designers — such as very early Helmut Lang and John Galliano, Rifat Ozbek, Yohji Yamamoto and Azzedine Alaïa."

The shindig for the fragrance's relaunch, held at Joseph's spacious Fulham Road store, had a touch of H.G. Wells about it. The guest list read like another party in another decade and nostalgia flowed more freely than the champagne. There was the fashion designer Jasper Conran who, dressed in tiny shorts and with a blond mop of hair, resembled a bus boy at Studio 54 (only the rollerskates were missing); Sophie Hicks, the androgynous-looking architect who spent much of the Eighties as a *Vogue* fashion editor; Nick Rhodes from Duran Duran (still looking pale and interesting); Michael Roberts, photographer and *The New Yorker's* fashion director, who has been a long-time collaborator with Joseph (it is Roberts who created the "mouth and nose" image that adorns the new clear glass bottle); and the Tunisian-born fashion designer Azzedine Alaïa, whom Joseph first introduced to the British public in 1983.

It was Alaïa who made stretch sophisticated and manipulated leather into a sexy silhouette, and it is to Alaïa that the pace-setting designers are now turning for inspiration. Both Tom Ford, for Gucci in Milan, and Alexander McQueen, for Givenchy in Paris, carved leather into hourglass suits with second-skin pencil skirts and shoulders fit for Alexis Colby. In London, Antonio Berardi also used brightly coloured leather, slashed with scissors, to make strictly tailored suits.

"When you talk to any of the new school of designers such as Berardi, they want to spend time with Alaïa," says Joseph. "They respect what he does."

It is not only the abundance of leather looks on the international catwalks — by designers as diverse as Ann Demeulemeester and Hermès — which take inspiration from the Eighties; there are also the soft bias knits that fall about the body and are markedly similar to the slouchy, sloppy, oversized sweaters with which Joseph made his name.

In the mid-Eighties, when Sean Penn and Madonna were happily married (blink and you missed it), Joseph Tricot became the label to flaunt. At the 1986 London collections, Debbi Mason and Lucinda Chambers (then fashion editors at *Elle* magazine) wore flamboyant highwayman coats, Artful Dodger-style top hats and ... Joseph carrier bags. Just carrying one of the designer's paper shopping bags was enough to identify you as a style-setter. Chambers, now fashion director of *Vogue*, remembers how the designer successfully provided alternatives to power dressing.

"He gave you the chance to dress as an individual," she says. "He has always encouraged an idiosyncratic approach to fashion. As well as being a designer, he has always been a clever buyer. Alongside the really bright outfits by labels such as Marni, he presents something pared down and less conspicuous from his own collection."

Brampton says: "In the Eighties, Joseph invented the idea of lifestyle." In the Nineties, he is still the innovator. In New York, he recently opened two stores where you can buy only trousers. No skirts, no tops, just trousers.

"High-street retailers have become so clever that the only thing someone like myself can do is to perfect what I do for people who want to pay that little bit more," says Joseph. "You have to be able to offer people something they can't get elsewhere. A print no one else is using, a really great fabric, or the perfect cut."

As for the nostalgia trip? "After all the frills, there is suddenly a new feeling for something sharper and sexier," says Joseph, reflecting on the influence of Tom Ford. "He has been doing this kind of look for a while. Very edited suiting, very high heels. Very Eighties." Ah, the smell of it.

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Jane Shilling is on holiday

Why Cherie is no

Comparisons between America's First Lady Hillary Clinton and Cherie Booth do the Prime Minister's wife no justice, says **Tim Hames**

Clichés will be high on the menu when Cherie Booth and Hillary Clinton meet for the first time tomorrow. No opportunity has been missed by media managers on both sides of the Atlantic to emphasise their similarity and compatibility. All this is part of a wider script that has turned Bill Clinton and Tony Blair into long-lost soulmates re-united for the benefit of television this week. Even Jeremy Vine could not resist the temptation on the *BBC Breakfast News* yesterday morning. The London meeting would be a success, he solemnly announced to an agog nation, because the two leaders have so much in common: "They are both young, like rock music, and their wives are lawyers." Conclusive proof, therefore, that Bill and Tony are political brothers and that, by extension, Hillary and Cherie come from the same branch of the sisterhood.

Great story, shame about the facts. Beyond their shared membership of the Centre Left and the English language, Bill and Tony have rather less in common that their respective spin-doctors would like us to believe. Their spouses may have entered the legal profession but the similarity stops shortly after that. It is not a comparison that does much justice to Cherie Booth. Not least because her marriage, unlike that of the Clintons, has always seemed a personal, not a political, enterprise.

Hillary Clinton had been a controversial figure well before her one-woman attempt to reorganise the $1 trillion American healthcare industry came crashing down around her. She subsequently retreated into the more symbolic role that her predecessors had accepted. She has never quite recovered from her previous incarnation. Hillary remains Joan of Arc to American liberals, Lady Macbeth to American conservatives. She is both the most admired and most reviled presidential spouse in the history of the United States. The most mild-mannered of Republicans will change their personality and foam at the mouth at the mere mention of her name. And nothing she does between now and January 20, 2001, when her husband leaves office will change that one iota.

Cherie Booth, on the other hand, is unlikely to endure such a fate. Despite the efforts of a few fanatics, such as the eternally persistent Peter Hitchens of *The Express*, it is extremely unlikely that even the most partisan of Tories in Britain will ever take against her. Try as her husband's political opponents might, the mantle of dragon lady will not fit his wife. The public reaction here is much more likely to be sympathy bordering on affection. Few would envy her the task of bringing up a young family in the hothouse atmosphere of Downing Street.

> The public reaction here is more likely to be sympathy

The reasons why Republicans hate Hillary also explain why Conservatives will never be able to bring themselves to detest Cherie. Mrs Clinton is, in the eyes of many Americans, a class traitor and transparent hypocrite. She was brought up in an extremely affluent Chicago suburb, the daughter of a doctor. Her family was solidly Republican in its politics. As a teenager, Hillary Rodham, too, was a staunch conservative. But while at college she broke ranks and became a committed liberal. Hers is a story that was repeated right across the United States at this time. Families much poorer than the Rodhams struggled and saved to send their sons and daughters to prestige universities during the 1960s. Their reward was to see their offspring stick flowers in their hair, march against the Vietnam War, reject traditional values and condemn their parents as social fascists. It hurt then, it still does now.

All that might be forgiven if Mrs Clinton were seen as a principled feminist. As it is, she is widely accused of pick-and-mix practice. Even her name has altered according to circumstance. In 1978, when her husband was first elected Governor of Arkansas, she styled herself Hillary Rodham. When her husband was thrown out of office two years later, not least because of local resentment against his "outsider" advisers including his wife, she transformed herself into Hillary Clinton. That she remained until one month after Bill Clinton won the presidency, when she changed once again into Hillary Rodham Clinton. There are career con artists in the United States who have had fewer identities than the First Lady.

Her reputation as an independent career woman has been blown apart by the Whitewater scandal. It emerged that shortly after her husband had become Governor she turned a $1,000 investment in the obscure and complex cattle futures market into a $100,000 profit with the assistance of James Blair, an executive in Tyson's Foods, one of the largest employers in the state and a corporation that wanted political favours from the state of Arkansas. Her defenders argued that she needed the money for her daughter's education. Hillary was supposedly convinced that her husband's womanising would lead him to abandon her. A real feminist would have shown him the door. At about the same time she was offered a lucrative partnership worth well over $100,000 annually with the Rose Law Firm

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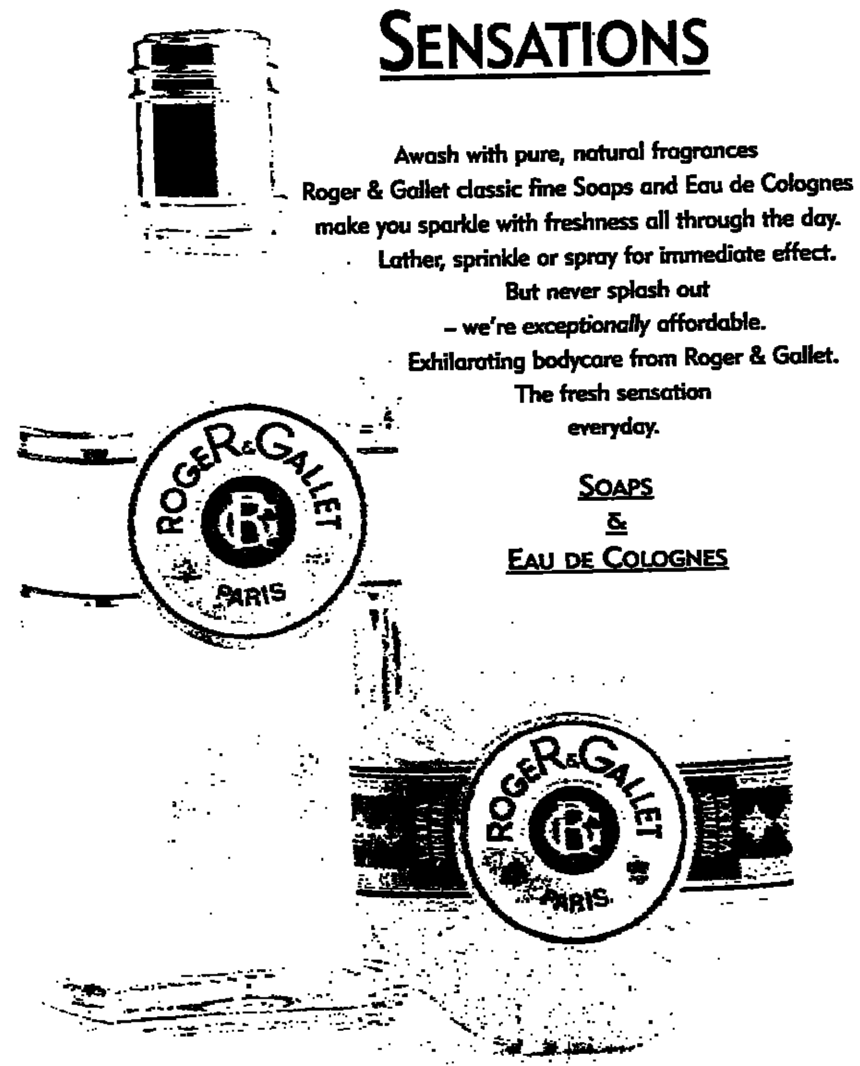

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Hillary Clinton

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Supporting act: Cherie Booth threw herself into campaigning but there is no evidence that she influences policymaking

of Little Rock, Arkansas. For a woman who had risen to the top under her own steam, she seems to have had a lot of help from men who wanted to do business with Bill Clinton.

Then there is her legendary political influence. When First Lady of Arkansas, she assumed charge of her husband's plans to overhaul the local school system. When she arrived in Washington, she took over healthcare. Even after that catastrophe she changed her style but not the substance. All appointments to the American legal system must survive her potential veto. She was the crucial voice in securing the appointment of Madeleine Albright as the first female Secretary of State. Republicans protest that she has never stood in an election anywhere. Americans have never had the chance to vote either for or against her, but have been stuck with her preferences all the same.

None of this would stick to Cherie Booth. She was born into genuine poverty in Liverpool. Her mother was abandoned by her father — Tony Booth of *Till Death Us Do Part* fame — and worked in a fish and chip shop and the travel department of Littlewoods to support her daughters. Cherie's relationship with this volatile figure appears to be extraordinarily good considering that he has had three wives, numerous other relationships and spent much of his life wedded to the bottle. The occasional Liverpool docker might consider her a class traitor, but Middle England is hardly likely to think the same. She has retained her own surname throughout married life, even when the likes of Peter Mandelson thought it would look better to rechristen her Cherie Blair.

There is no mileage in hypocrisy either. Ms Booth became a successful lawyer despite her husband's political rise, not because of it. If he had been an anonymous Islington figure, few in the legal profession doubt that she would have built a career as a senior High Court judge. As it was, her progress from Assistant Recorder upwards slowed when Tony Blair became Labour leader. As the Government is responsible for such senior appointments, she may find her path blocked for fear that her elevation would smack of nepotism. If the situation in Northern Ireland were to deteriorate during her husband's premiership, she might be forced to abandon the law. She is determined to keep working for as long as she can. In showing that the Prime Minister's spouse can keep a career of her own, she is striking a greater blow for feminism than Hillary Clinton has ever managed.

Nor is there the slightest evidence that she exercises a secret influence over the Prime Minister's policies. She stood openly for the House of Commons in 1983 and, after her defeat, abandoned parliamentary ambitions. Her willingness to represent liberal causes in the courts shows where her sympathies continue to lie. Her radicalism, though, seems to be tempered by devout Catholicism. She will not adopt overtly political causes while resident in Downing Street.

Apart from their shared membership of the legal profession, Cherie Booth has rather less in common with Hillary Clinton than she does with Socks, the White House cat. She will doubtless be relieved when Air Force One and the Clinton crew have departed these shores. Cherie Booth is no Hillary Clinton and is all the better for it. Who knows what the British public will think of Tony Blair come the next general election? However, it is unlikely that even a significant minority will detest his wife.

A case that has forced us to face ugly reality

The abortion debate is riddled with intellectual holes — and both sides duck the issue

Nigella Lawson

The fact that James Kelly has decided to stop trying legally to prevent his estranged wife Lynne having an abortion puts an end to the very public debate about their particular case. But it does nothing to clear up the confusion on our part.

We are still in the mire. Biologically speaking, it is so simple: we are here to pass on our DNA. That's the point of us. But the biology-is-destiny line has rather fizzled out of late — and thank God (figuratively speaking) for that. This cannot but leave us in a muddle. Because we live in a highly developed techno-industrial age, we have grown used to accepting all the romantic, back-to-the-land assumptions about the beauteous wisdom of nature: it offends us when suddenly nature looks like foe rather than friend. But nature is not on our side and never has been: human history is the history of our overcoming the constraints of nature; that, friends, is civilisation.

Not that anyone could have called this wrangle civilised; it began to seem, rather, like a manifestation of all that is uncivilised about our society. And if we are relieved that the appeal to the House of Lords has been called off, it is not only because of sympathy — on the part of those so inclined — for the wife, but because we found it distasteful to have, held up in front of us, quite such a cruelly truthful reflection of an indisputably ugly reality.

Civilisation tests itself when morality and natural instincts are pitted against one another. And don't be misled by those who argue that natural law is necessarily ethical. Rights, moral sense, a belief in justice: these are add-ons: the wallpaper you put up once you get out of the jungle and into somewhere more habitable.

We have simply got to try to face the abortion issue but increasingly we funk it. There is too much dishonesty, particularly — and I say this as someone who is pro-abortion — in the pro-abortionists' camp. For one thing, there's that "pro-choice" tag: I've written about that before, so will restrain myself now, except to say that it's an example of muzzle-minded pusillanimity if ever I saw one.

Behind it lies a dishonesty about what abortion is: abortion involves the death of the foetus, and the foetus is not an undifferentiated mass of cells appended to the mother and therefore part of her; to terminate a pregnancy is not the same as removing a tumour. I can accept that at the same time as accepting that abortion is sometimes the best of bad choices because I don't believe in the sanctity of life: I believe vehemently in the preciousness of life, which is quite another thing.

The dishonesty in how we discuss abortion comes from the dishonesty necessary to procure an abortion. Because we have it enshrined in law that termination may be carried out if to continue the pregnancy would injure the putative mother's health, doctors and debaters collude — have to — in talking in those terms.

But what irony: even I, as I say, a pro-abortionist, feel revulsion when time and time I hear how bad it would be for the health of the mother to have the baby, when we all know that not to have it is fatal for the health of the baby.

We are uncomfortable with discussing abortion in these terms because in conceding what it really is about, we fear we give ammunition to the anti-abortionists. Naomi Wolf was ridiculed for writing about coming to terms with the fact that "abortion stops a beating heart". Perhaps she shouldn't have made it seem quite so much as if hers was an original discovery, a personal revelation withheld the rest of us bluntheads. But the truth is that many of those arguing for a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy refuse even to discuss the issue in these terms.

If abortion is about death, it is also about survival. The woman carrying an unwanted baby would no doubt survive even if she had the child, but her every instinct for self-preservation is turned against her baby. It's true that many women who start off appalled to be pregnant end up loving the child beyond any of their anxious imaginings. But this is not always the case. Those of us with children know how hard it is to bring up children who are ferociously loved: the misery created in a family when a child is resented from the moment of conception is awful to consider.

And if the abortion debate is necessarily violently polarised, it is also the case, among those women who are not crusaders for either cause, that abortion is viewed enormously, definingly, differently. It seems that abortion is thought — especially by those in their anxious late thirties or early forties — to be automatically a traumatic choice for a woman; among those younger, if anecdotal evidence is anything to go by (and I suspect it is) it is becoming more and more a value-free post facto alternative to contraception.

Abortion is very difficulty for a society that sanctifies the idea of mother and child, that believes in the fundamental and elevating maternal bond. For when a woman feels that her own self will be undermined by the existence of a baby, it paints a very un-madonna-like picture of the enmity between mother and child. She feels her happiness is reliant on the destruction of the baby inside her. In that sense, as Camille Paglia points out, it is about survival — survival of the fittest. The two are pitted against one another: the mother is stronger and she wins.

Put like that, it does seem shocking. It seems, even, to go against nature. And yet it is nature. To defend abortion from a higher, moral perspective is — if one is being honest — impossible. Any argument is riddled with intellectual holes; yet I feel (and I use the word "feel" pointedly) it can be defensible. To be frank, I suppose murder, too, would seem defensible at times: that is why we have a law against it.

But we don't have a law against abortion. The mother carries the child, is responsible for bearing it to term. If she refuses to bear that responsibility, should we really, legally or otherwise, be trying to make her?

Jealous? Me? Of a woman of 51?

I OWN up I am not quite old enough to be taking solace in the fact that Helen Mirren, at 51, is judged by the sofa-bound public to be the sexiest dame on TV, thus winning over the tousled and much younger heads of Gillian Anderson *(X Files)*, Jennifer Aniston *(Friends)* and Teri Hatcher *(Superman)*.

Furthermore, I have to admit that the sight of Jane Asher covered in chocolate but not much else for a new McVities ad is downright depressing. I can just about accept that colt-limbed girls barely out of their teens might have the edge: it is somewhat harder on one's vanity to have to concede the ground to women in their fifties.

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Alan Coren

Now don't be alarmed, old cock

It is only a dispirited guess, mind, but there appears to be a fair chance, this morning, that 50 per cent of my readership isn't that at all. It is 50 per cent of my non-readership. True, some of these may have *The Times* propped against the cruet, but their faces are lying beside the cornflakes, snoring gently. Others may have taken the paper to read in their tub, where it is presently soaking to dark grey shards as its non-reader lies in shrivelling slumber, stirring only to brush away the rubber duck which, from time to time, bobs annoyingly against his ear. Others yet, earlier and higher-flying birds, may already be in their offices, but the intended quick glance at *The Times* before getting down to serious wheeling and dealing has become, willy-nilly, a quick kip on a VDU keyboard gradually indenting their cheeks with neat rows of little squares — though many of their keen fraternity will not have arrived at their workplaces at all, having pulled instead, feeling suddenly sleepy, into some lay-by where they are now stretched out on their extended seats in the snug *ad hoc* darkness of this centre spread as it gently rises and falls with their riffling snores. To whose number we may confidently add 50 per cent of those trans-global hotshots who, after being chauffeured, dozing, to the airport, are now dribbling into the shoulder of the passenger beside them; and since he, *The Times* having slipped from his neighbour's inert fingers, has just become part of the other 50 per cent, let me say hello and welcome.

So who, my new reader will want to know, are these sad somnolents, and why are they so tired? Well, they are the disturbingly high 50 per cent of high achievers (thus patently *Times* readers to a man, and woman) who, according to research reported in Sunday's papers, are plagued by a mysterious fatigue syndrome which has them stumbling bleariliy into waiting-rooms throughout the queendom and nodding off until it is their turn to be told by the doctor that there is no ready explanation for their malady. It has no known cause, there is no known remedy, all that is certain is that it selects the nation's top bananas.

Since we clearly cannot take this lying down, it is time to reconsider the case of Mr Basil Vandenheede of Rochester, about whom 50 per cent of you will have read in last Thursday's *Times*. Basil's problem was not constantly falling asleep, it was constantly waking up: because for six weeks, every night at 4am, a cock crowed, jack-knifing Basil from his sack. But as soon as he woke, the crowing stopped. Now, not only did Basil scour the neighbourhood in vain search of the bird, he took his house apart, brick by brick. He called in the gas board, who pulled his fireplace out and went away again, without a cockerel. He rang Kent Council, who billeted two environmental health officers on him, but failed to diagnose the environmental sickness which by now was turning its victim into one of the 50 per cent. He was tired all the time. And then, one night at 4am, one of the officials heard the cock early enough to get a fix on it, and, sprinting, track it down. It was still crowing when he found it. On Basil's wrist.

Six weeks earlier, a friend of Basil had given him a Chinese watch. Neither knew that this kind gift had an alarm pre-programmed at the factory to go off daily at 4am as a cockerel. Nor would it have occurred to you or me. What does occur to me, though, is that it might have occurred to the Chinese: for they have always been a highly inventive people, and now they are highly competitive, too, eager to see off all other economies by any means available.

You will say, hang on, top occidental bananas do not wear digital Chinese watches, they wear Rolexes, they wear Patek-Philippes, these do not crow at dawn, ruining sleep and business efficiency — and I reply, true, but China manufactures two thirds of the world's microprocessors, they go into clock radios and fax machines and computers and phones and oven-pingers and security alarms, they sit at the heart of everything programmable to go off at a given signal. The tiger is coming over the Pacific Rim, and he is burning bright: is it so unlikely that he has decided to co-opt, quite literally, the watches of the night?

If voters are to endorse monetary union, says **John Monks**, the Amsterdam treaty must boost employment

Open a new chapter for the workers of Europe

Across Europe today, trade unionists will join together in a campaign that looks very likely to succeed. We are pressing the European Union to take employment more seriously. In particular, we want Europe's member states, meeting under the Dutch presidency in Amsterdam next month, to agree to include an employment chapter in the renegotiated treaty which will supersede Maastricht.

This now looks probable, and the key to this has been the election of a Labour Government in Britain. That is why we will welcome the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, to a conference at Congress House today, together with Ad Melkert, the Dutch Minister for Social Affairs, to map out the future of a people's Europe in advance of the Amsterdam summit.

Labour's victory, coupled with President Clinton's re-election last year, brings to an end the long domination of policy debate by the conservative dogma of unfettered free markets, privatisation and deregulation.

In Britain, the Conservatives' dual strategy of hostility to Europe and opposition to decent minimum standards in the workplace helped to reduce them to little more than a rump in the Commons. Unfortunately, there seem to be few signs that any of their leadership contenders have learnt the hard lesson that the "downsizing" of the Conservative Party followed their enthusiastic support for "downsizing" everyone else.

Conservative claims that falling unemployment was due to deregulation, hostility to trade unions and low levels of employee protection did not resonate with voters. They were right to be sceptical.

No one denies that unemployment has fallen in Britain at a time when it has been growing elsewhere, even if the unemployment count is now hopelessly compromised. This is due partly to Britain's economic cycle being out of step with the rest of Europe, partly to economic growth following our expulsion from the exchange-rate mechanism, and a lot is due to more and more people disappearing from unemployment measures.

Conservative celebrants of economic success should ask why Britain has more working-age households without work than either France or Germany. The truth is that Britain has been poor at creating jobs, and those that have been created have tended to be insecure, low-paid and of poor quality. That is one more reason why we need a Europe-wide drive for quality jobs.

Ending Britain's opt-out from the social chapter is the first step towards a new recognition by all member states that social protection is as much a core policy of the EU as the single market. Advancing the European programme has always been most successful when policymakers have remembered this compromise. Europe has been a force for stability and progress since the war. This is because Europe's politicians have not forgotten that while the dismantling of trade barriers and the freeing of markets bring prosperity, they also unleash powerful forces. These can produce enormous dislocation, so stability can be assured only when the people in the European marketplace are protected from their worst excesses.

The TUC has long argued that Britain's future is bound together with the rest of Europe, but we are concerned that in recent years some policymakers have forgotten this key compromise. If the Eurosceptics had their way and Britain left the European Union, the inevitable economic collapse would produce a jobs Armageddon. But Europe's recent jobs record is not good enough, and unemployment currently stands close to 20 million across the EU.

The EU has focused too much on maintaining financial stability in each country, and not enough on people's jobs. This is why worries have been increasing across Europe. Of course, in Britain it has taken on an ugly nationalistic tone, but elsewhere questions are being asked about the EU's direction by politicians motivated by concern for Europe, not by jingoism.

The TUC has been one of the staunchest supporters of the single currency in Britain, and it remains one. But trade unionists recognise that if voters are to endorse monetary union, they need to be reassured that it is in their interests to do so because it will bring economic security in its wake. Uniting Europe round the social chapter and putting an effective employment chapter into its fundamental treaties is the key to reconnecting Europe's citizens to the European project. Of course, the rather cosy world that was shattered in Britain by the dark years of Thatcherism will never return. Flexibility is now the key to long-term economic success, as skills, knowledge and adaptability give companies a competitive edge. But just as important are the commitment and loyalty of staff. Flexibility can simply be code for exploitation and insecurity. The challenge is to be flexible without causing fear. This is the modern expression of Europe's great compromise between economic dynamism and social protection.

Putting an employment chapter into the treaty will not solve Europe's unemployment problem on its own, but it is the crucial first step. To those arguing within European councils that the EU must follow policies for growth, employment and investment, it will be a huge advantage. They will now have backing from the treaty, without which they have lost too many arguments to conservative versions of fiscal stability in the past. It will unleash creative thinking across the Continent about how we can best secure rewarding and secure jobs.

Employees in Britain overwhelmingly rejected the narrow views of the Right. They will earn the gratitude of employees across the Continent as Labour's new commitment to making Europe work starts to reconnect the grand ideals of Europe with the concerns of ordinary people at work.

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Sexual politics of procreation

The law penalises fathers, but science is on their side: surrogacy can't be banned because both men and women want it

Simon Jenkins

A Scottish woman wants an abortion. The putative father does not. They argue. She is two months into pregnancy and goes to hospital. He goes to court. The Scottish law ruminates, finds for the woman, changes its mind, faxes the hospital, changes its mind again and then takes a holiday. The judicial dahlias need attention.

This is convenient to the father's cause. With each day that passes, the woman's inclination to the abortion diminishes. The law remains undecided, the gardens beckon. A second opinion from the House of Lords is requested. Their lordships' dahlias are even more demanding than those north of the border. A date for the hearing is set for June, after the judges' Bank Holiday "week". Courts, like universities, holiday in the old style. The foetus is put on hold.

Once again the question is unanswered. Does a man have any rights over his sperm once it leaves his body? Three months ago, Diane Blood sought permission to be fertilised by sperm surgically removed from her dying husband. She claimed, with no supporting evidence, that this was his wish. Odium was heaped on the Human Embryology and Fertilisation Authority for protesting at the assault on Mr Blood's comatose body. The case was decided by an emotional appeal by a woman understandably wanting a baby by her dead husband. The implication went unremarked, that a woman is entitled to remove and use sperm from a man, indeed from a near-corpse, without his express consent and for purposes that no court could possibly regulate.

Other cases arrive by the week. The Child Support Agency says that in donating sperm to childless or lesbian couples, men cannot avoid financial responsibility for any resulting children, even if the women promise not to sue for it. Such men are, I suppose, more "culpable" than a man who is deceived by a woman who says she is on the pill but wants a child irrespective of his wishes. In both situations, the man is defenceless against suit or blackmail and will get no comfort from the courts or state agencies. He can be impoverished as a result of a false pretence which, in other contexts, would be actionable. Modern biological fingerprinting means that fathers can be traced and hounded throughout a child's life, with no "blame" or related obligation falling to the mother.

The gender tribalism of these arguments is lively. In my experience, few women have the slightest sympathy with the men. "Men were deceivers ever." The sexes are perpetually at Thurberian war. As a speaker on yesterday's *Tuesday Call* put it, men have had it their way for so long, the unfairness account can be balanced. Women have "rights" in childbearing, men only have "interests". All is fair in love and war, marriage being a subset of both. The courts go along with that.

Men might therefore hesitantly welcome the other consuming topic of the week, female surrogacy. Of one thing I am sure: in ten years' time, non-coital procreation will be commonplace. A feature of the surrogacy debate is the widening gap between scientists and attendant parents desperate for children and a ragged army of moralists and legislators chasing after them, brandishing binoculars, red tape, shackles and bromide.

Whatever the latter say, we shall see quantities of 60-year-old women giving birth, using young women's eggs. We shall see couples freezing embryos and bringing them to term at their convenience later in life. Working women will use "animate incubators" to bear their offspring, much as Victorians used wet nurses. Homosexual couples, "lifestyle impotents", will have surrogate babies as a matter of course and many such couples will prove stable and loving parents. *De facto* single-parenthood in cities will become the norm. And since many of the single parents I know are among the best parents I know, I would hazard that the outcome will not be plummeting morality and soaring crime, but the opposite.

Most medical innovations are greeted with moral aversion. For decades, anaesthetics were refused at childbirth since birth pain was considered God's wish. *In vitro* fertilisation, like heart transplants, was at first excoriated as unnatural. Mrs Blood's posthumous conception would once have been howled out of court. The practice of scanning and aborting a "wrong-sex" foetus, increasingly common, is still technically a criminal offence. Time was when abortion was only to save the life of the mother. Now it is "on demand" or, in technically its commonest form, "morning after".

The same will be true of surrogate mothers. What began as extra-uterine fertilisation has moved on. Eggs, sperm and womb have become ever more distinct entities in the struggle to free couples from the misery of infertility. The bizarre distinction now drawn between lawful "expenses" for surrogacy but illegal and somehow immoral "payments" is a classic liberal equivocation, to which I see Baroness Warnock has succumbed. It is like the old Amateur Athletic Association pleading that running for nothing is noble while running for money is greed. Here is a much-needed market to be regulated, not banned and forced underground.

Virtually all of these advances relieve women from the bondage of childbearing. Yet in his recent *The Origins of Virtue*, Matt Ridley remarks on the longevity of the distinction between woman as childbearer and man as hunter-gatherer. This dichotomy has been carried through into militant feminism, into artificial insemination, into the concept of the "redundant male" or, heaven help us, the virtual male. In such a future, sperm comes from a bank (and a catalogue?) and men may be excluded from bed, home and hearth.

Far from being ridiculed, this bias is ingrained in child support law. While womb donation is to be regarded as a matter of philanthropy, there is no such nonsense about sperm donation. That citadel of politically correct feminism, the Child Support Agency, is adamant. A lesbian couple, one said to be a boxer, the other an RAF cook, recently impregnated themselves by means of a syringe. The agency assured them that they had no obligation to support their children. It would hound the donors of the sperm on their behalf, since, in all cases, "the father is responsible for the child's support". No responsibility, let alone blame, attached to the women. Their only duty was to tell the government the men's names. To most men this is Stone Age law.

At a flippant level, surrogacy offers a riposte to the sisterhood. If the penis is redundant, so now is the womb. Wombs are for rent, the going rate being £12,000. Science will shortly enable women to freeze their eggs in youth and fertilise them *in vitro* later in life, even after the menopause. Commercial agencies will enable a foetus to be carried by a surrogate mother to relieve the genetic mother of the inconvenience of pregnancy and the possible danger of childbirth. This will be a boon not just to the infertile but those who marry late in life or have lost children. Men too can take babies off the shelf.

Surrogacy could thus free mothers from childbearing but also from the excuse of childbearing. It offers the final end to Ridley's dichotomy. Since the egg becomes as transportable as the sperm, men and women can choose to be biologically equal in marriage. Women too can be liable for "maintenance". Freed from the childbearing hiatus, women can establish equality with men in child-rearing as in career. Indeed in the evolutionary cycle, the fittest women may stay young and strong by *not* bearing their own children.

There will be a thousand complications, as this month's collapse of the Roche-Peeters surrogacy deal showed. On that, the law at least was clear. A child belongs to the woman inside whom it is carried, irrespective of its genes. The same law, we thought, was clear over abortion. A woman must have the right to decide on the use made of her own body. Likewise with surrogacy, recent cases prove the need for sensitive regulation, not prohibition. The much-criticised agency in the Roche-Peeters affair, Childlessness Overcome Through Surrogacy, claims to have had only half a dozen problem cases but more than 200 successful deliveries.

This is an overwhelming credit balance. There is demand for a service. There is a supply and there is money. It may be distasteful that children can be bought with money. Yet they always have been, witness the humbug that surrounds the adoption market. From this crooked human twig, no straight thing will ever be fashioned.

Those opposed to advances in assisted pregnancy maintain that their interest lies "with the child". This is usually an excuse for an intrusive, repressive and reactionary interference in personal freedom. Governments cannot make children happy. All that they can and should do is ease the path to happiness for miserable parents. Science offers help to thousands for whom children have been an unattainable blessing. The only immorality is to stand in their way.

Late changes

IN DECIDING to wear a lounge suit rather than black tie with the CBI for dinner earlier this month, Gordon Brown has set an ugly precedent. Black tie dinners have suddenly been declared suspect, and are being cancelled.

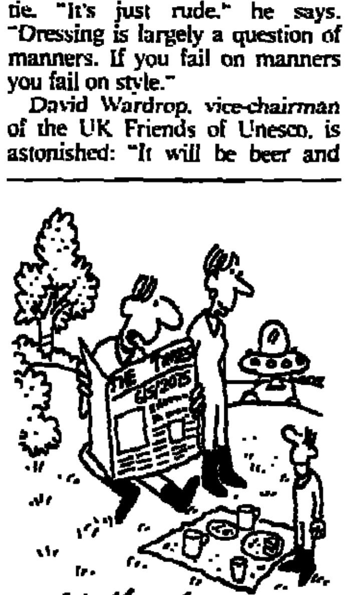
The hosts of a black tie celebration of Britain's return to Unesco on July 1 have dispatched a circular to guests informing them to wear lounge suits.

At the dinner, Federico Mayor, the Director-General of Unesco, will make the address welcoming Britain back to the organisation, which we left in 1985. It will be a glittering occasion, attended by Britain's academic élite as well as distinguished professionals in the fields of arts and science.

Every guest has received a circular from De Montfort University which is hosting the dinner at a fancy London hotel: "In view of the Government's preference for greater informality on occasions such as this," it reads, "the dress code for the dinner will now be lounge suit."

Guests are bemused and style experts are astonished. Sir Hardy Amies, dressmaker to the Queen and author of a definitive book on gentlemen's suits, is still recovering from the Chancellor's decision to ignore his hosts and shun black tie. "It's just rude," he says. "Dressing is largely a question of manners. If you fail on manners you fail on style."

David Wardrop, vice-chairman of the UK Friends of Unesco, is astonished: "It will be beer and sandwiches next, which will make some people very upset." De Montfort University, formerly Leicester Poly, was not answering calls yesterday.



"Don't wander off, the place is riddled with old protesters' tunnels"

● *The Archbishop of Canterbury finally lost patience last weekend with those who accuse him harshly of being one of the "Happy Clappy" brigade. Speaking at Godmersham Church in Kent, he denied forcefully that he had ever played the tambourine. The furthest he went, he said, was to sing hymns in his bath.*

And Lady's

DESPITE the euphoria of England's victory over Australia in the one-day series, things are beginning to look pretty rum for the senior members at Lord's, to judge by Marylebone Cricket Club's latest circular.

The boys are still gasping for breath after the club's decision to ban smoking in the Long Room on match days. Many have been unable to secure Rover tickets to the Test matches because they are oversubscribed. And now they have been told that women are to be allowed into the Pavilion for the first time during a men's match.

The ladies were given access last year during a women's international, but the MCC is inviting them back for the club's match against Melbourne in June. "It's the beginning of the end," said one member, whose face, after a day at Lord's on Sunday, matched the bacon-coloured stripe of his tie.

"And on top of all this, we've been told that our car parking rights inside the ground have been taken away. It rather ruins one's day."

Good show

AS Harold Wilson's former press secretary, Joe Haines, pointed out yesterday in the letters column opposite, President Clinton will not be the first of his breed to address the Cabinet at Downing Street.

In 1969, Harold Wilson threw a dinner party for Richard Nixon and then ordered his men into the Cabinet room for a session attended by the President. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, takes up the story in his memoirs *A Life at the Centre*: "All members were required to be present and perform for the benefit of the visitors as though they were taking part in a real Cabinet. Some of us were a little sullen or shy about doing our pirouettes, but we were more than made up for by Crossman and Benn who put on bravura performances," he writes.

"Benn trilled away about Sputniks and Bible readings." The President simply looked amazed and "expressed suitable admiration to the Prime Minister about the brilliance of his Cabinet."

Abbott: disgraceful

Office politics

TO ENSURE a decent office in the Commons, MPs from all parties would be advised to start ingratiating themselves with Sir Raymond Powell, Labour MP for Ogmore. He is likely to be re-elected to his pre-election position of Chairman of Works, which would put him in charge of office reallocation.

Among those who should be particularly careful is Diane Abbott, the MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington, who was criticised after the last election. "When she saw that her name was second to the bottom on the office ballot, she used the sort of language I wouldn't expect to hear in the kitchens," recalls a bystander. "If she speaks to Sir Raymond like that this time, she'll find herself with a desk in the dungeons."

Banging on

EXTRA sausages are being shipped into the Savoy Hotel, following the arrival of the Australian tycoon Kerry Packer. Every summer, Packer occupies four riverside suites in the hotel — at more than £1,000 a night — by way of a *pied à terre* during the social season. In attendance are his wife, his valet, and sundry hangers-on from the Alice Springs party set.

Packer: sausages in season

Although a tremendous tipper and therefore a popular guest at the Savoy, Packer can cause difficulties in the kitchen on account of his insatiable demand for sausages. "We're always having to send out for more — all sorts of varieties too," says a fruitful source in the kitchens.

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PROMISES TO KEEP

More Western doors should now be opened to Russia

Boris Yeltsin's penchant for springing surprises on foreign leaders has recovered along with his health. His unscripted offer yesterday to cease targeting Russia's nuclear missiles at Nato members was of limited military significance: retargeting is an easy task. As has happened before, what Mr Yeltsin actually said was more ambitious and had to be "clarified" by his aides.

But politically, this was a deft move. President Yeltsin was in Paris to sign the "founding act" on relations between Nato and Russia, which Nato has presented as the means to build confidence in Russia that enlargement of the alliance will not threaten its interests. By getting his gesture in first, Mr Yeltsin was out to underline that in this new dialogue, Moscow intends to be an active innovator — as a fully-fledged partner in the maintenance of European security.

The point for Western leaders to note is that this is a deal which Mr Yeltsin, taunted by nationalists for signing a new Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, can sell to Russians only as part of a broader political package, one which sets Russia firmly on course for full membership of all the important international clubs. That is the prospect which President Clinton held out at the Russo-American Helsinki summit in March; it is a promise he has to keep. He can do little to persuade Russians to come to terms with Nato enlargement; but indignation at being kept in the waiting rooms of other Western organisations compounds their sense of injury and feeds suspicion of the West.

For Moscow, the club with greatest symbolic significance is the Group of Seven industrialised countries, where the main obstacle is resistance from Japan, still in dispute with Russia over the Kurile Islands. Mr Clinton has insisted on inviting Mr Yeltsin for almost of all of this year's G7 summit in Denver, which Washington is renaming the "Summit of Eight". But in terms of integrating Russia in the global economy, a closer relationship with the European Union and membership of bodies such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) are of greater practical importance.

Russia feels, with some justification, that rules which have been bent for other applicants are being too rigidly applied in its case. In Paris yesterday Yevgeni Primakov signed a new co-operation pact with the OECD, which Russia applied to join a year ago. This commits the OECD to assist Russia to develop "a fully-fledged market within a framework of democratic institutions"; but it sets no target date for admitting Russia to full membership.

This is wrong; Poland has become a member although it has barely started down the privatisation road; so has South Korea, which is uncertainly democratic and no paragon of market freedoms. OECD officials are already working closely and well with Russia. Nothing but good could come from early full membership, which would help Russian reformers by opening Russia to the OECD system of public peer scrutiny of its economic performance.

The origins of the OECD date back to the Marshall Plan — the historic act of American generosity to war-devastated Europe from which Stalin refused to profit. It would be an act of statesmanhip to admit Russia in this 50th anniversary year. If that involves transitional arrangements, so be it. As for the WTO, the West gives the impression that it is more anxious to admit China, whose failures to live up to trade agreements are notorious, than it appears to be to help Russia across the threshold.

President Clinton justifies his enthusiasm for Nato enlargement by insisting that it is part of his grand design to change "the whole pattern of thought" that has dictated the politics of the European continent for the past 50 years. He insists he wants to include Russia in a new transatlantic system. He concedes that this will involve a level of American leadership and engagement in Europe "that goes against the historical grain". Mr Yeltsin has matched his rhetoric. Russians await further proof.

A MATTER OF HONOUR

It is not too late to do justice to all our war dead

Distance lends detachment, but it can also distort. The decision by the Armed Forces Minister, Dr John Reid, to review the cases of more than 300 men executed during the First World War for cowardice and other offences under fire is a gracious and appropriate gesture from the new Government but the difficulties involved should not be underestimated. Seventy years on from the Great War it is hard to imagine the pressures men faced in the trenches. It is equally hard to imagine how difficult it was for officers to maintain military discipline without resort to exemplary justice.

Dr Reid has, wisely, stressed the importance of treading carefully through the Flanders cemeteries to ensure that new injustices are not done. When the review is concluded, families whose honour has been unfairly blighted should see their fallen relatives' reputation exonerated.

With the benefit of hindsight, and medical advances, it seems likely that many of the men assumed to have been wilful deserters were quite out of their wits. The men in the trenches faced long periods of inactivity in often grotesque conditions punctuated by high explosive bombardment, gas attack or exposure to sustained machinegun fire. In the words of Private Arthur Wrench of the Highland Division writing on the Somme in 1916: "It strikes me there is not much glory these days in dying for your country."

The nature of the war meant that many soldiers suffered mentally disabling conditions whose nature contemporary doctors were ill-equipped to diagnose. "Shell-shock" was a catch-all term for a misunderstood syndrome and some of its victims became victims of the firing squad when their illness was confused with insubordination.

The manner of deserters' deaths — executed, blindfold, at dawn by their peers — only adds to the sense of anger at any injustice. The shame families will have felt when the man they thought a hero was branded a coward compounds the need for a review where the facts available now do not bear the judgment made at the time. Consideration, however, should also be extended to those who did the judging. The British Army officers of the First World War have become a byword for blimpish incompetence, but the commanders in the field faced formidable difficulties. If harsh decisions were taken then the men who took them should not be damned for doing what they saw as their duty in the fight against aggressive and autocratic empires.

Taken together with his decision to reconsider the position of veterans believed to be suffering from Gulf War syndrome, yesterday's announcement marks another welcome step by Dr Reid towards changing the Ministry of Defence's culture. While the reputation of the Services is as high as ever, and any steps to dilute their warrior code should be resisted, the ministry has become associated in the public mind with bureaucratic buck-passing. The greater openness Dr Reid has set in train is a proper tribute to Service personnel, current and past.

LADYLIKE VALUES

For the survival of the fittest, basic instincts are best

Mighty contests rise on trivial wings. A beetle's eye view of the miniature life in a meadow in southern France is being shown in the prizewinning film *Microcosmos*. Its microscopes discover tiny creatures punching above their weight, and engaging enthusiastically in other natural activities, in the free-for-all beneath men's feet. And now, as our New York correspondent reports on page 16, the little ladybird has come to rescue one of the mightiest natural wonders of America, the New England Fall.

The hemlock, the commonest evergreen in the eastern States, is being destroyed by alien aphids blown across the oceans. Chemical insecticides are expensive, inefficient and ecologically suspect. So a host of Japanese ladybird beetles, which feed on the hemlock-eating aphids, has been imported. If only somebody had sent for the appropriate ladybirds before Dutch elm disease wiped out a glory of the English landscape.

Gardeners and children have always known that ladybirds are good gals in the battle of life. To human eyes their scarlet dress looks prettier than the Jurassic patio black of greater beetles. Ladybirds do not sting. And they sit on the human hand, apparently like pets, but really because they enjoy sipping the moisture. Because of their beneficial appetite for greenfly, ladybirds were named in honour of the Virgin Mary; not because of an erroneous belief that they are all female. Other languages honour them with the same association. In French *la coccinelle is la bête à Dieu*; in German the *Marienhuhn*. In Britain they acquired the "bird" as the second element in their name because of a prudish aversion to the word "bug". Americans are not so delicate. They call a ladybug a bug. Southern States favour the British name, which is why Claudia Taylor Johnson, the former First Lady, bears the familiar Southern nickname.

The nursery rhyme telling the ladybird to fly away home refers to the burning of the hop vines after harvest, which cleared the fields but burnt the beetles. Like much folklore, it was also used to predict the wedding day of the singer. For in the battle of survival of the fittest, sex is almost as vital as eating. Both are activities at which the ladybird is world champion at its weight. In its life cycle of four weeks it has time for nothing else.

Her nurse calls Juliet "ladybird", meaning sweetheart. But the more common use of ladybird as human nickname was for a "light or lewd" woman. Puritans in New England will disapprove of using nature's sex maniac as saviour of their woods. But "any port in a storm", as one of literature's ladybirds remarked. Saving the hemlock is worth any amount of light or lewd behaviour. Anyway, aphids are almost as promiscuous as ladybirds. And, in spite of Coleridge's commercial for the stuff, honeydew is merely the sticky excrement that aphids deposit on leaves. The ladybird is an ally to human beings from the rosebush to the woods of Connecticut. Its sexual activities can safely be left to look after themselves. So far they have managed wonderfully well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Expats' right to a say on devolution

From Dr Charles Pattie

Sir, In their letters (May 23) complaining that as expatriate Scots living elsewhere in the UK they will be disenfranchised in the referendum on devolution, Captain J. G. Ferrie and Mr John Laurence appear to be unaware of an important precedent in UK electoral law.

Since 1989, all UK citizens who have been living outside the country for as long as 20 years are entitled to register as electors in the last constituency in which they were either enrolled or resident (the latter for those under the age of 18 when they left the UK). Perhaps the same right should be accorded to Scots and Welsh who have left their home country to live in England or Northern Ireland (or, indeed, anywhere else) when compiling the rolls for the devolution referendums.

Yours etc,
CHARLES PATTIE,
University of Sheffield,
Department of Geography,
Western Bank, Sheffield.
May 23.

From Mr Ewan Phillips

Sir, As a Scot living and working in London, I anticipate voting in the referendum on the local government issue of establishing a mayor's office. If the establishment of a unitary authority or "Scottish parliament" is to be decided only by those people living in Scotland, it can only be a local government issue. However, any national government issue concerning Scotland's future in the Union is a matter for all Scots, regardless of where they may live.

Before the West Lothian question, we should first address the "Gary McAllister question". What say in Scotland's future should the captain of its football team have while he lives and works in England?

Yours faithfully,
EWAN PHILLIPS,
14 Beatrice Road, Richmond, Surrey.
May 26.

Suicide decisions

From the Reverend Nick Read, Director of the Rural Stress Information Network

Sir, Dr Colin Howson's assertion that it is morally impermissible to prevent someone from committing suicide (letter, May 16) does not accord with our understanding of the psychology of suicidal people. Many of them will not only be mentally distressed but also in an intensely ambivalent state, wanting both to die and to be saved. It is this ambivalence which allows those working alongside them to develop strategies which reinforce their desire to live.

The statement that "I am going to do it — now" may itself be a last desperate plea for intervention. Provided that the helper has made it clear that they *will* intervene, even against expressed wishes, the moral integrity of the situation remains intact since the distressed person can decline to communicate further. If they choose to continue the relationship, however, then I believe that we must give them the benefit of the doubt that they still wish life over death — even when they state otherwise.

In circumstances where a paramedic has to decide whether to resuscitate someone with whom they have not previously been in long-term contact, then the question whether their statement that they do not wish to be resuscitated represents their deepest wishes deserves a far more studied response than it receives in Dr Howson's letter. In those circumstances I still believe that the paramedic acted appropriately.

Yours faithfully,
NICK READ, Director,
Rural Stress Information Network,
Arthur Rank Centre,
Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

Vegans and Volvos

From Mrs Jenny Moss

Sir, May I thank you for acknowledging the campaigning mind of the WI membership ("Vegans and Volvos", leading article, May 19). However, our campaigning started long before Brightlingsea or Newbury.

Our first national discussion on animal welfare took place in 1923. We have always been concerned for our environment. The Keep Britain Tidy Group in the early 1950s was the result of another WI campaign. In 1960 Cookham WI in Berkshire called for more stringent controls on the use of pesticides; and, at our annual conference on June 3 and 4, we shall be discussing how individual members can support Agenda 21 on local action for sustainable development, adopted at the Rio summit in 1992.

WI members have achieved a great deal without becoming "military". I have to salute Swampy and his colleagues for the publicity they have gained for their causes; but I wait with interest to see if confrontational methods can achieve a fraction of the reforms to which the WI can lay claim.

Yours faithfully,
JENNY MOSS
(County Chairman, Berkshire
Federation of Women's Institutes),
WI House, The Street,
Mortimer Common,
Reading, Berkshire.
May 21.

Environmental cost of wind power

From the Chief Executive of the British Wind Energy Association

Sir, At the heart of the issue about the location of wind farms in the UK (report, May 20) lie the economics of electricity supply. The previous Government's highly competitive policy of production at the lowest possible cost, apparently without regard to environmental considerations, has driven wind farms to the windiest locations — often, but not necessarily, highly visible places.

This association seeks a national energy strategy that recognises both the environmental benefits and the total costs of all energy production and distribution. If the total costs of fossil fuels and nuclear power were reflected in the price paid by the consumer, renewable energy sources, in particular wind, would become by far the cheapest electricity available in the UK. This would enable a wider geographical distribution of wind farms, away from sensitive areas.

Yours faithfully,
NICK GOODALL,
Chief Executive,
British Wind Energy Association,
26 Spring Street, W2.
May 21.

From Mrs Susan J. Cross

Sir, Michael Hornsby's report, "Green energy campaigners see red over wind farm", illustrates that there is no way of trapping renewable energy without some cost. But surely the relevant question is how much cost? In the case of Rookhope Common in the North Pennines, the environmental, social and financial costs seem to me too great.

There are, of course, other sources of renewable energy beside wind turbines — among them wave power, photovoltaic cells, solar cells and biomass; but I believe that the key to the problem lies in energy conservation. Superinsulation, draught-proof construction, orientation to allow sunlight into buildings, energy-efficient electrical appliances — all these provide vital means towards this end.

Is it not time for a great resource-conscious public building to be commissioned by private or government agencies, in order to display how energy can best be used in the next millennium?

Yours sincerely,
SUSAN J. CROSS,
Springfield House,
East Horrington, Wells, Somerset.
May 21.

From Mr Henry Thoresby

Sir, Before large amounts of money are expended on what will doubtless turn out to be a succession of wind farm confrontations, would it not be more sensible for the Government to carry out an efficiency audit on the entire wind farm concept? It may well turn out that the capital invested in wind farms and the battles to resist them would be more usefully spent in subsidising the many energy-saving schemes that are now available.

Yours sincerely,
HENRY THORESBY,
12 Wexford Road, SW12.
May 20.

Capercaillie control

From the Director, Scotland, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Sir, Magnus Linklater's report of May 10 suggested that the RSPB is putting the capercaillie at risk by ceasing the control of foxes and crows at its Abernethy Forest reserve, near Grantown-on-Spey in Highland. We cannot agree. Abernethy holds perhaps 5 per cent of Scotland's 2,200 capercaillie, and the experiment we are conducting will greatly clarify the conservation needs of the whole population.

Scotland's capercaillies are indeed in serious decline, but we are confident that our action will help, rather than jeopardise the species. Since 1992 we have been carrying out a thorough and careful experiment on the effect that predation by foxes and crows has on capercaillie productivity. We have also improved the habitat for capercaillies, and pinewoods more generally, by removing some 39km of deer fences (which kill large numbers of birds), by reducing the pressure of deer grazing and by enhancing plantation management.

Improvements in capercaillie productivity and black grouse numbers on the reserve have resulted in the RSPB gaining second prize in the Laurent Perrier Awards for game conservation and being asked by government to act as joint lead partner with the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology in implementing the UK biodiversity action plan for the species.

The improvements may be due to a range of factors, however. Only by reversing predator control will we be able to separate the impact of predation from the beneficial effects of habitat management and to offer the best Advice to owners and managers on the measures needed to save this splendid bird.

We shall be monitoring capercaillie numbers and productivity very carefully indeed.

If, as some predict, the experiment shows that predation significantly affects capercaillie productivity at Abernethy, we will quickly reintroduce legal predator control.

Yours faithfully,
STUART HOUSDEN,
Director, Scotland,
The Royal Society for the
Protection of Birds,
17 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh 7.
May 21.

Solicitors' conduct

From Mrs Elizabeth Gaskell Syms

Sir, Solicitor Arnold Rosen's call (letter, May 15) for Parliament to take the regulation of solicitors away from the Law Society must be commended. Even the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors has no statutory powers to deal with negligence and can only compensate victims for complaints up to £1,000.

Much of the supervision of solicitors' conduct falls to the courts where many cases are dropped, not by a "disenchanted" Joe Public but struck out on the sole judgment of a member of the judiciary — a body raised in a culture of professional immunity.

QCs, who are still dependent on solicitors for their livelihood, can hear appeals against "strike-outs" as deputy judges; and in the county courts practising solicitors, also sitting as deputy judges, can preside over such cases, despite a conflict of interest with solicitors' insurers.

Solicitors' conduct should no longer be accountable before the courts in which they work or before barristers whom they instruct for business, but be dealt with by an independent commission. In a constitutional service pecuniary penalties alone, however steep, are inadequate as a deterrent against misconduct.

Yours faithfully,
E. N. GASKELL SYMS,
86 Victoria Road,
Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Nursery places

From the Secretary of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference

Sir, Many independent schools are disappointed that the Government has decided to phase out assisted places and, particularly, that such places in junior departments of schools which cover the 7-18 age range will end at 11.

The disappointment is partly because it will be more difficult for some schools to thrive, but principally because links will be loosened with families with low incomes. Such schools, usually former grammar schools, will have been providing education for children from all walks of life for centuries.

It was therefore pleasing, in this context, to read ("Back to the nursery", Education, May 23) that, although the Government is also ending the nursery voucher scheme, it is encouraging local authorities to co-operate with the independent sector in finding nursery places for all four-year-olds.

I hope that such encouragement will be central to educational policy for all age groups. Independent schools have much to contribute to local communities and to boarding education. If local authorities seek to co-operate with independent schools in order to provide opportunities for young people, I am sure they will not be rejected.

Yours faithfully,
V. S. ANTHONY,
Secretary, HMC,
130 Regent Road, Leicester.
May 23.

IQ and infidelity

From Professor Roy O. Davies

Sir, It is folk wisdom that sociological research merely confirms what we knew already; this is well supported by today's front-page report about the prevalence of adultery among the educated:

> To the man-in-the-street, who,
> I'm sorry to say,
> Is a keen observer of life,
> The word 'Intellectual' suggests
> straight away
> A man who's untrue to his wife
> (W. H. Auden, *New York Letter*, 1941).

Yours faithfully,
ROY O. DAVIES,
36 Springfield Road, Leicester.
May 16.

Technical assistance

From Mr Hyman L. Calvert

Sir, Perhaps the use of an electronic gadget to solve a crossword is not so unfair (letters, May 17, 22).

Since the Kasparov affair (report, May 12) my success rate has plummeted. Can it be that the puzzle department has enlisted Deep Blue?

Yours sincerely,
H. L. CALVERT,
64 Deansway, N2.
May 22.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Mothers at odds in Teletubbyland

From Mrs Amy Alexander-Church

Sir, I almost cannot believe what I read. As a parent of an 11-month-old, and leader of a toddler group, I can tell you the real source of the problem with *Teletubbies* (reports, May 26; Nigella Lawson, May 21). The debate over the "dumbness" of the show is a ruse — it is the fact that it has replaced *Playdays* in the mid-morning schedule. The vicious row over tea and biscuits has pitted mothers of two-year-olds against mothers of under-twos, because it is the mothers with babies who now get to have their cup of tea and relax at 10am.

In fact, I am enjoying writing this letter to the sounds of "haro" and "tubby custhtard" right this minute.

Yours sincerely,
AMY ALEXANDER-CHURCH,
38 Roseberry Road, N10.
May 27.

From Mrs Melanie Walker

Sir, *Teletubbies*, in my view, is a poor replacement for *Playdays* and *Playbus*.

My four-year-old daughter watches taped repeats of *Playdays* because they interest and challenge her. She loves Teletubbies but never asks to see them a second time. I wouldn't dream of not allowing her to watch them — I am not a flashcard, guilt-ridden mother — but in no way can they replace *Playdays* and *Playbus*, which combine endearing and humorous characters with educational content.

Yours sincerely,
MELANIE WALKER,
The Garden Lodge, Old Holbrook,
Horsham, West Sussex.

From Mrs Sarah Crossing

Sir, Having just watched *Teletubbies* for the first time, I think it is quite the most enchanting children's programme I have seen in a very long time.

To the parents who are complaining that it is not educational, I have this to say: instead of expecting the television to babysit your child at 10am every weekday, why not switch it off and actually *sit* with your child and *do* something educational yourself.

Now there's a thought.

Yours sincerely,
SARAH CROSSING,
The Station, White Lane,
Ash Green, Aldershot, Hampshire.
May 27.

From Mrs I. M. Hughes

Sir, I adore the Teletubbies — I always watch David Frost on Sunday mornings, but get up earlier in order to watch these intriguing little creatures.

I think I like the mauve-suited one best. I would add that I am an octogenarian and ought to be ashamed of myself, but maybe I am in my second childhood.

Yours faithfully,
I. M. HUGHES,
Flat 3, Homeberry House,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

From Mr Alistair Birch

Sir, I must defend the reputation of the children's TV character, Pingu. Saying Pingu "only squeaks" ("Bright young things who behave just like students", May 26) is akin to saying the Spice Girls just make noise. Pingu actually squeaks in fairly passable German (the muttered asides to his mother often being quite rude in character). There are few enough chances for young children to experience foreign languages without dubbing or subtitles, so long may he remain on British screens.

Yours faithfully,
ALISTAIR K. BIRCH,
Danziger Strasse 138, D-10407 Berlin.

From Mr Albert Calland

Sir, After nearly three weeks of a new Labour Government the gap between the haves and the have nots continues to widen. Where can I get a Teletubbies T-shirt?

Yours faithfully,
ALBERT CALLAND,
3 Forge Mill, Caton, Lancaster.
May 21.

Too close for comfort?

From Dr Andrew Mott

Sir, In spite of the climate of increasing anonymity within the health service, I was heartened to have proof the other day that I am still a "family" doctor.

One of my patients informed me that, as she phones my surgery so frequently, she has added my number to her BT list of "Friends and Family" (letters, May 7, 13, 21).

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW MOTT,
The Surgery, Torton Hill Road,
Arundel, West Sussex.
May 26.

From Mr D. T. Balcombe

Sir, For something meant to be the "Holiday of a Lifetime" my BT "Friends and Family" reunion promises to be a taxing affair. I am told I shall be accompanied by the staff of a Manchester Inland Revenue office.

They always get you in the end.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BALCOMBE,
142 Hallowell Road,
Northwood, Middlesex.
May 22.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 27: The Princess Royal this morning opened the Spar International Conference at Gleneagles Hotel and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross (Sir David Montgomery, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the National Autistic Society, later opened Struan House School's cottage at 25 Alexandra Drive, Alloa, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Clackmannanshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Stewart).

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Remploy Limited, Alloa Road, Causewayhead, Stirling, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk (Colonel James Stirling of Garden).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Butler Trust, afterwards visited Cornton Vale Female Prison, Cornton Road, Stirling.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 27: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, President of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association, was present at a Reception given this afternoon in St James's Palace.

Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 27: The Prince of Wales this morning re-opened the Priory Residential Nursing Home, Tetbury, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

His Royal Highness this afternoon gave a Reception for the British Polio Fellowship.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 27: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this morning visited the Vocational Development Centre for the Blind in Tokyo.

Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy later attended a Reception given by the Invest in Britain Bureau on board *HMY Britannia* for existing inward investors.

This afternoon Princess Alexandra and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were received by The Emperor and Empress of Japan at the Imperial Palace.

Princess Sayako was also present.

Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy subsequently attended a Reception for British Invisibles on board *HMY Britannia*.

Princess Alexandra and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended a Dinner given by Prince and Princess Tomohito of Mikasa.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, will attend the patrons dinner at St James's Palace, at 8.30.

The Princess Royal will visit Macphie of Glenbervie, Glenbervie, at 10.30; will visit Maritime Rescue International, The Old Pier, Stonehaven, Kincardineshire at 11.50; will visit the Sea Cadet Headquarters, Stonehaven, at 12.30; will visit St Machars Academy, St Machars Drive, Aberdeen, at 1.15 and will open the Aberdeen Automated Processing Centre, Royal Mail, Wellington Circle, Altens, Aberdeen, at 3.00. Later, as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend a private Appeal Dinner at the Royal Northern and University Club, at 7.50.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron, the Covent Garden Festival, will attend a performance of Handel's *Ariodante*, at St Clement Danes at 6.55.

Service dinner

RAF Club Dining Society

Captain John Hutchinson was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the RAF Club last night. Air Commodore G.J.B. Claridge presided and Air Vice-Marshal L. W.G. Gill also spoke.

Birthdays today

Professor John Alderson, former Chief Constable, Devon and Cornwall, 75; Mr Albert Booth, former MP, 69; Professor Patrick S. Boulter, former President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 70; Miss Faith Brown, impressionist, 50; Sir Gerald Cash, former Governor-General, The Bahamas, 80; Mr B.M. Davis, former chairman and chief executive, Mobil Oil Company, 60; Sir Edward du Cann, former chairman, Lonrho, 73; Mrs Liz Edgar, showjumper, 54; Sir Robert Evans, former chairman, British Gas, 70; Sir Reginald Eyre, former MP, 73; Mr Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, 72; Mr Sean French, novelist, 38.

Lord Goold, 63; Dame Thora Hird, actress, 86; Mr N.C. Ireland, former chairman, BTR, 70; Miss Rachel Kempson, actress, 87; Mrs Tina Knight, founder, Nighthawk Electronics, 51; Professor György Ligeti, composer, 74; Mr C.A. McLintock, former chairman, Woolwich Building Society, 72; Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, former MP, 68; Viscount Melville, 60; Mr R.C. Miquel, former chairman, Belhaven, 66; Mr Ray Mitchell, former Governor, Durham prison, 54; Lord Justice Otton, 64; Mr Timothy Renton, former MP (life peer), 65; the Duke of Rutland, 78; Dr Charles Saumarez Smith, director, National Portrait Gallery, 43; Mr Edward Seaga, former Prime Minister of Jamaica, 67; Mrs Helena Shovelton, chair, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, 52; Mr Julian Slade, composer, 67; Miss Marie Staunton, former editor, *Solicitors' Journal*, 45; Mr Richard Van Allan, opera singer, 62; Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, physician, 84.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS:
William Pitt the Younger, Prime Minister 1783-1801 and 1804-06, Hayes, Kent, 1759; Thomas Moore, poet, Dublin, 1779; Edvard Benes, President of Czechoslovakia 1935-48, Kozlany, 1884; Ian Fleming, novelist, creator of James Bond, London, 1908.

DEATHS:
Luigi Boccherini, composer, Madrid, 1805; Henry Dundas, 1st Viscount Melville, statesman, Edinburgh, 1811; Noah Webster, lexicographer, New Haven, Connecticut, 1843; John Russell, 1st Earl Russell, Prime Minister 1846-52 and 1865-66, Richmond, Surrey, 1878; Sir George Grove, engineer and founder of the music dictionary bearing his name, London, 1900; John Lubbock, 1st Baron, psychiatrist, Aberdeen, 1937; the Duke of Windsor, sometime King Edward VIII, reigned January 20, 1936 to December 11, 1936, Paris, 1972; Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, Primate of Poland 1949-81, Warsaw, 1981; Eric Morecambe, comedian, Tewkesbury, 1984.

The Spanish Armada set sail from Lisbon to invade England, 1588.

The first indoor swimming pool in England opened in London, 1742.

The Mermaid Theatre opened in Puddle Dock, London, 1959.

The British yachtsman Francis Chichester sailed into Plymouth after his solo circumnavigation of the world in *Gypsy Moth IV*, 1967.

University news

Cambridge

Darwin College

Elected into Research Fellowships from the dates shown:

Schlumberger Interdisciplinary Research Fellow (June 1, 1997): Chris John Leslie Doran, (Physics)

Moses and Mary Finley Research Fellow (October 1, 1997): Heather Shore, (History)

Charles and Katharine Darwin Research Fellow (October 1, 1997): Adrian Woolfson (Molecular Biology)

Non-stipendiary Research Fellows (October 1, 1997): Andrew Ian Cooper (Polymer Synthesis); Edward Ho Khoon Teo (Applied Mathematics & Theoretical Physics)

Elected into Emeritus Fellowship from October 1, 1997:
Derek Stanley Bendall

London

Gresham College

The Most Rev Richard F Holloway, Bishop of Edinburgh and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, to be Gresham Professor of Divinity; Dr Lynette Hunter, Reader in Rhetoric at the University of Leeds, to be Gresham Professor of Rhetoric; and Mr Stephen Pratt, Head of Music at Liverpool Hope University College, and Miss Joanna MacGregor, Visiting Artist at Liverpool Hope University College, to be Joint Gresham Professor of Music, all with effect from September 1, 1997.

Princess takes flight back to limelight

DIANA, Princess of Wales landed back in the limelight yesterday — on board a royal helicopter.

The Princess, on her first British visit outside London for 18 months, touched down in Leicester from a Royal Squadron helicopter, paid for out of the Royal Family's travel budget.

She formally opened the Richard Attenborough Centre for Disability and the Arts at Leicester University on an official visit widely seen as relaunching her programme of official duties throughout Britain.

The last time the Princess ventured outside the capital on official business in Britain was in November 1995, when she visited Liverpool.

Yesterday she used the Royal Squadron and flew a royal standard as is her entitlement under the terms of her divorce settlement.

Lord Attenborough, who grew up in Leicester, said, "Once she was a shy young woman who was suddenly thrown into a bear pit. Now you see her confidence, self-assurance and outgoing nature. Her confidence has returned. Two years ago, it was not there to be seen."

Inside the £2 million Richard Attenborough Centre, the Princess was introduced to students and staff and watched a performance of dance by people in wheelchairs. In a studio for disabled people, she watched a blind man draw and paint.

JOHN STILLWELL

A kiss for the Princess as Lord Attenborough greets her on arrival at Leicester

Dragon's teeth bite into an idyll

By John Young

ON a fine spring day the ruins of Waverley Abbey, near Farnham, in Surrey, the oldest Cistercian settlement in Britain, present an idyllic picture. But within sight of the walls are other grimmer and more recent monuments.

On the bank of the River Wey are rows of small concrete pyramids known as dragon's teeth, planted in 1940 to disable advancing German tanks. Overlooking them are pill-boxes which once housed the guns guarding the approaches to Aldershot and London from the South Coast.

They date from the summer of 1940 when invasion seemed imminent and Churchill declared that his beleaguered people would defend their island whatever the cost. Today it is an almost forgotten nightmare. Most of the defence structures have long since been razed or filled in. It was not until three years ago that the Council for British Archaeology belatedly surveyed what remnants could and should be preserved.

The survey was hampered by the belief that no written records existed. It was only last year that Colin Dobinson, while researching in the Public Record Office for a book on Guy Gibson, the Dambusters commander, discovered dozens of files which showed that the anti-invasion measures were far greater and more centrally planned than had been thought.

Lines of trenches around the coast were supplemented by the so-called GHQ line surrounding the industrial heartland of England, mainly following rivers across which the bridges could be blown. London was surrounded by huge anti-tank ditches; in the last resort the bridges across the Thames would also be wired for demolition.

The emergency lasted for only a few weeks between Dunkirk and the end of the Battle of Britain. Those old enough to recall it may prefer not to but Dr John Schofield, an inspector of ancient monuments for English Heritage, believes that at least some of the surviving structures should be listed for preservation. "They are certainly not architectural masterpieces. But we need to ensure that touchstones survive so that the horrors of war do not disappear from memory."

The Victoria and George Cross Association

The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended a service of remembrance and re-dedication for the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

The Rev Nicholas Holtam officiated, assisted by the Rev Dr C.E. Stewart, Director-General of the Naval Chaplaincy Service, and Father Paul Owens, RAF. Colonel B.S.T. Archer, GC, Chairman of the VC and GC Association, read the lesson and Colonel P.A. Porteous, VC, said the Act of Remembrance.

The Bishop of Norfolk gave an address. The First Sea Lord was represented by Rear-Admiral Jeremy Band and the Chief of General Staff by Major-General Robin Short. Among others present were:
The High Commissioner for New Zealand, the High Commissioner for South Africa and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, and representatives of the Brigade of Gurkhas, the Defence Services Secretariat, the Royal British Legion, the Royal Society of St George, the Indian Army Association, the Gallantry Medallists' League, the Far East Prisoners and Internees Fund, the Royal Naval Association, the Far East Prisoners of War Association, the Gurkha Welfare Trust, the "Not Forgotten" Association, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, FANY, SOE, AJEX, the Union Jack Club, the Victory Services Club, the London Fire & Civil Defence Authority, St John Ambulance, the Imperial War Museum and the Friends of the Imperial War Museum, the RAF Museum, the National Army Museum, the National Maritime Museum, the Cabinet Office (Ceremonial), the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, the Armourers' and Brasiers' Company, Coutts Bank, Schroders, Hancocks, members of the association, widows of past members and many other friends of the association.

Gardeners

The following have been elected officers of the Gardeners' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr R.P. Franklin; Upper Warden, Mr J.F. Palmer; Renter Warden, Canon P. Delaney.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.D.B. Stucley and Miss A.C. Gage

The engagement is announced between George, elder son of Sir Hugh and Lady Stucley, of Affeton Castle, East Worlington, Crediton, Devon, and Amber, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.A.G. Gage, of Hamiltons, Withypool, Somerset.

Mr N. Fraser Ker and Miss F.D.H. Davies

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Fraser Ker, of Westcott, Dorking, Surrey, and Fenella, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jake Davies, of St Stephens, Canterbury, Kent.

Mr H.R. Godber and Miss J. Smallman

The engagement is announced between Henry Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Godber, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, and Jane, daughter of Mrs Margaret Smallman, and the late Mr John Smallman, of Stourbridge, West Midlands.

Mr P.L. Osborne and Miss C.J. Warr

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Jack Osborne, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Warr, of Tilford, Surrey.

Mr P. Phillips and Miss K.A. Heron

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Rev and Mrs Colin Phillips, of Rugely, Staffordshire, and Katie, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Heron, of Muswell Hill, London.

Mr P.B. Read and Miss N.J. Weller

The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Captain Keith Read, CBE, and Mrs Sheila Read, of London and Rome, and Nicola Jane, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Robin Weller, of Clifton, Bristol.

Church news

Appointments

Canon John Oates, Rector, St Bride's, Fleet Street, w Bridewell and Gough Square, and Area Dean of the City of London: to be also a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral (London).

The Rev Donald Reece: Home Secretary to the Council for Christian Unity, Church House, Westminster: to be the Incumbent St Stephen w St Thomas, Shepherds Bush (London).

The Rev David Rhodes, Vicar, Mortomley, Sheffield: to be also Warden for Lay Evangelists (Sheffield).

The Rev Chuck Robertson, formerly Priest-in-charge, St John's Episcopal Church, Melbourne, Florida (Episcopal Church of the USA): to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Esh and Hamsteels (w Langley Park) (Durham).

Canon John Saunders, Priest-in-charge, St Margaret, Horsmonden (Rochester) and SE Area Secretary of the South American Missionary Society: to be Vicar, St Mark, Gillingham (Rochester).

The Rev Eric Shegog, Diocesan Director of Communications: to be also a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral (London).

The Rev Robert Simpson, Vicar, Shirwell Team Ministry: to be Rector, South Molton Team Ministry (Exeter).

The Rev Wendy Smith, Team Vicar, Stoke on Trent Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Pheasey (Lichfield).

The Rev Dr Ian Stockton, Local Ministry Officer in the diocese of Lincoln: to be Team Rector, Monkwearmouth Team Ministry (Durham).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Elizabeth Anson, Assistant Curate, Kimberworth, Rotherham (Sheffield): retired April 20.

The Rev Anthony Bartlett, Rector, Hendon (Durham): to resign on health grounds.

The Rev Eric Ford, Vicar, Chingford, St Edmund (Chelmsford): to retire August 31.

The Rev John Pennington, Vicar, Cambois, Bedlington (Newcastle): to retire June 12.

The Rev Brian Macdonald-Milne, Rector, Radwinter w Hempstead and Priest-in-charge, Little Sampford w Great Sampford (Chelmsford): to retire August 31.

Canon Brian Selvey, Vicar, Slyne-w-Hest, and an Honorary Canon of Blackburn Cathedral (Blackburn): to retire August 31, and then be appointed a Canon Emeritus.

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BIRTHS

ANDERSON - On May 25th, to Elspeth (née Fennell) and Duncan, a son, Thomas David.

ARISTIDES - On May 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Helen (née Smith) and Michael, a son, Alexander, brother to Louis and Eugenie.

BEECH - On May 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Julian and Carol, a daughter, Georgia, a sister for Daisy.

BRADY - On May 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Terence and Clare, a beautiful son, Samuel Finn.

BRIEDE-COOPER - On May 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Madeleine and Howard, a son, Jack, a brother for Luc.

BUCKNALL - On May 17th to Patsi and Julian - a son, Sam.

CEDERGREN - On May 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Kathleen and Jonas, a son, Joachim Stig.

de FRAINE - To Steve and Nikki, in Barnet General Hospital, a gorgeous son, George Richard Tiger Bevan, who arrived safely on 22nd May 1997.

GOODWIN - On May 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Suzy (née Roberts) and Mark, a son, Benjamin Scott, a brother for Daniella.

GRAVELL - On May 23rd to Pascale (née Savouré) and James, Chloe and Adeline, twin sisters for Charlotte and Sebastian.

MELLOW - On 20th May at RSCH Guildford, to Anne (née Craze) and Tim, a daughter, Celia Anne.

RANKIN - On 25th May 1997 at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Phillipa (née Sharp) and Harry, a daughter, Florence Isabella Rose, a sister for Oliver and Edward.

READ - On 22nd May, to Clare (née Attenborough) & Nick, a son, Hugo Justin Philip.

RIBBINK - On May 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Nienke (née Van Den Hoek) and Alexander, a daughter, Eva Floor Charlotte.

RICHARDS - On March 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Jonathan and Caron, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, a dream come true.

STENHOUSE - On 20th May, at The Portland Hospital, to Robbie and Chil, a beautiful daughter, Emily, a sister for Natalie.

TELFORD - On 19th May 1997, to Harriet (née Collins) and Peter, a son, Thomas Robert James, a brother for Sarah Louise and Nicola Jane.

TURNBULL - On May 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Carol (née Watkins) and David, a daughter, Olivia Lucy, a sister for India.

WOODWARD - On Friday 23rd May, to Helen (née Connah) and Michael, a son, Harry Alexander.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ASHTON - Mrs. Pam Ashton and family would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends, neighbours and colleagues for the kind expressions of sympathy and donations for the East Cheshire N.H.S. Trust, (Knutsford District Nurses), received in memory of Eric. Special thanks to the Rev. Canon N.D. Rogers for his sincere Ministrations, and to all those who attended the funeral.

DEATHS

BARBER - Zoe aged 83 on May 24th in hospital. Widow of Dr. Dennis Barber and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Peter's, Lodsworth on Friday May 30th at 4.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Peter's Church, Lodsworth, c/o W. Bryder & Sons Funeral Directors, Tillington, Petworth, W. Sussex, (01798) 342174.

BELLONI - Stephen Arthur, known as Mr Bell, late of Norman Hartnell. Beloved husband of Jacqueline and father of Jasmine, died peacefully surrounded by family at home on 13th May. Cremation held 21st May at Streatham Crematorium.

BOWMER - Jessie Jean. On 23rd May 1997 aged 88 years, peacefully at the Oasis East House, Whitnash, Leamington Spa. Dear wife of Richard, much loved mother of Judy, Sue and Penny, and grandmother of Edward and Peter. Funeral Service at Combroke Church, nr. Warwick, on Friday 6th June at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Myton Hospice, Warwick.

CHILLINGWORTH - Desmond peacefully at home on 23rd May. Funeral 10 am June 2nd, St Andrew's Church, Swavesey. Family flowers only please.

DEVERELL - Clive Frederick, suddenly at home on 22nd May 1997 after a long illness borne with great fortitude and dignity. Much beloved husband of Angelica, dearest brother of Gloria, favourite son-in-law of George and Daphne. Funeral for family and close friends at Mortlake Crematorium on Monday 2nd June at 3.30 pm. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Fund or Katherine House Hospice c/o Chelsea Funeral Directors, 260B Fulham Road, SW10 9EL. Memorial Service to be announced later.

FORRESTER - Antonia. Darling wife of Rory, cherished and adored mother of Xander, Milly and Chloe, most special granny to Tom, Archie and Jack and best closest and beloved friend to us all, peacefully at home in Mull on Sunday 25th May 1997. Although a light has gone out in our lives, she will always be in our hearts and minds, smiling, laughing and loving us. Private family cremation and a service in Mull to say thank you for her life, in early July. No flowers but do send a donation to a charity of your choice if you wish.

HAMILL - Jean Pearl (née Catchpole) peacefully in her sleep aged 76 on Tuesday 20th May. Widow of Bernard, dearly loved mother of David and Anne and grandmother of Liam and Jaime. Will be sadly missed. Funeral at St John's Church, Sidcup, on Monday 2nd June at 1 pm. All are welcome. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Oxfam. Enquiries to Anne Hamill: 01722 333575.

HARLEY - Suddenly on 26th May 1997 in France, Andrew David, dearly loved son of Sheila and David, beloved fiancé of Sophie Smith, brother of Ewen, Alison and Rhona, uncle of Donald, Margaret, Oona, Hugo and Elisa. The Smith and Harley families extend their deepest thanks to friends and family for their love and support. Funeral arrangements yet to be confirmed. Contact Funeral Director Lines & Bannister, Ascot, (01344) 20266.

HARNETT - Patricia Eileen on 24th May 1997 after 3 years bravely fighting cancer. Beloved wife of the late Harry and adored mother of Geoffrey, Robert and Ian. Funeral to be held at Farnham Parish Church on Friday 30th May 1997 at 2pm. All enquiries to Thorne Leggett tel: (01420) 488896

HARVEY - On May 23rd, suddenly at the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Keith Evelyn, aged 65. Leaves behind a loving family. Cremation on Friday 6th June at 2 pm at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Son. Tel: (01892) 522462.

HOBBS - William Reginald, died peacefully on May 23rd aged 90 years. Beloved husband of Freda (deceased) and dearest father of Eunice. Enquiries to Pengelly Funeral Services, Saltash. Tel: 01752 848838.

HODGES - Henry W.M. Emeritus Professor of Conservation of Antiquities and Works of Art, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Secretary General, International Institute for Conservation 1988-94. Died May 19th 1997. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash, East Sussex on Thursday June 5th at 2.30pm. No flowers please. Enquiries to Funeral Directors, C Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash. Tel No: 01435 882219.

HOLMES - Mary Elizabeth aged 67 of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, retired District Nursing Sister, devoted companion of Mary Grace and much loved sister to Michael, Philip, Jennifer and Christopher, died peacefully in her sleep at home on Tuesday, 27th May 1997 after a long illness borne with great fortitude and courage. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings on Monday, 2nd June at 2.30 pm followed by cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Relief - Essex Appeal c/o 22 Park Lane, Earls Colne, Colchester, CO6 2RJ.

HOTHAM - On Sunday 25th May 1997, peacefully in her 90th year, Jocelyne Mary Emma, daughter of Frederick, 6th Lord Hotham. Cremation private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Leonard's Church Downham at a later date.

JULIAN-JONES - Hazel (Hazel Gee). Much loved mother of Robin and Candida and grandmother of Peter, Julian and Thomas. Died peacefully at home after a short illness on May 23rd. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 3 pm May 30th.

LAYBOURN - Kenneth of Gilling West, North Yorkshire, died May 23rd aged 88 years. Dearly loved father, grandfather, great-grandfather. Cremation private. Burial of Ashes at St Agatha's, Gilling, Saturday June 7th at 2.30 pm. Donations if wished to The Children's Society.

MATHIESEN - Bertel Colley, peacefully at Upton Leigh Residential Home, Cheltenham, on May 26th, aged 87 years. Much loved and respected by his late wife Peggy and by his nephew and nieces and their children. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Monday 2nd June at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Winchcombe Hospital League of Friends, may be sent c/o Selim Smith & Co, 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham. Tel: (01242) 525383.

MAXWELL - On May 25th 1997 peacefully, after a short illness Lieut. Col. Peter St George Maxwell M.C. late HLI/RHF/The Royal Scots, beloved and loving husband of Patience, much loved father of Philip, Ian, Gillian and Penelope and Grandfather to nine children. Funeral Service at Pettistree Church, Suffolk on Tuesday June 3rd at 2.30pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to be shared between Pettistree Church and St John Ambulance, Suffolk to E.B. Button & Sons, 24 St Johns Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1ER.

MORGAN - Glenys Mary of Llanfrynach, Brecon. Wife of the late Rev. George Rex Morgan, dear mother of Jonathan and Nicholas. Funeral Service 2.30 pm Friday 30th May at Christ College Chapel, Brecon, followed by private interment at St Brynach's Church, Llanfrynach. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired for USK House, Brecon or L.ARCH, 1 Lion Street, Brecon, c/o A.V. Griffiths & Son, Funeral Directors, Felinfach, Brecon, tel: (01874) 624222.

PERRY - Beatrice (Trixie - née Coulson) on 23rd May 1997, peacefully. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Bucklebury, Berkshire, Friday May 30th at 3.30 pm. Cut flowers only please, or if desired, donations to the Royal British Legion, both c/o Camp Hopson, 90 West Street, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 1HA.

RIESS - On May 24th at Kilfillan House, Berkhamsted, Margaret (Margie) formerly Langdon née Tuteur. Loving mum of 'Wilfie' and a dear grandmother. Dear aunt to Walter and family. Funeral on Friday 30th May at Amersham Crematorium at 3.30pm. No flowers. Donations to War Amps, Canada. c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 1AH Tel: 01442 864548.

RYAN - Suddenly on 24th May, 1997 at his home in Glapthorne, Martin aged 53 years, the beloved Husband of Trisha and much loved Father of Charlotte, Lucy and Olivia. Funeral service will be held at The Church Of The Most Holy Name Of Jesus, Oundle on Saturday 31st May, 1997 at 12 noon followed by interment at Oundle Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations may be given to be divided between The British Heart Foundation and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution c/o Crowsons Funeral Directors, Barnwell, nr. Oundle, Peterborough, PE8 5PS.

SANSOM - Mabel, peacefully on May 16th to join her husband Charles, her elder daughter Gillian and her husband B'ela and her younger daughter Carol. Much loved by her grandsons Andrew and Michael, their families and all her friends. Funeral Service at Holy Cross Church, Bearsted, at 11 am on Monday 2nd June 1997. Family flowers only please, but donations to Kent Music School Bursary Fund may be sent c/o Michael A Lawrence Funeral Directors, 93 King Street, Maidstone, tel: (01622) 661678.

SCOTT - William Dallas peacefully on 26th May 1997 aged 90. At The Old Rectory N/H Ewhurst. Husband of the late Phyllis. Dearly loved father of the twins, Alastair and Sheena. Much loved by his four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Monday 2nd June at 3 pm. Floral tributes and any enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey, tel: (01483) 567333 alternatively donations to a charity of your choice may be sent.

SYKES - Keble Watson on May 24th 1997. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium on Monday June 2nd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to YMCA would be appreciated.

WAYER - Stanislas Joseph on 19th May 1997. Appreciation service on Friday 30th May at Friends' Meeting House, Church Crescent, N10, 2 pm. No flowers. Donations to "British Heart Foundation" c/o Cooksey & Son, (0181) 883-4844.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

BARRITT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dr. Kenneth Barritt, former Principal of the RSAMD, will take place in Walgrave Baptist Church, Walgrave, Northants, on Saturday 21st June at 2.30 pm. For details please contact (01895) 810092.

ESSEX - Countess of Essex. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Nona Isabel, Countess of Essex, will be held at 11 am on Sunday June 8th at the Watford Parish Church, St Mary's, Watford.

HOLY-HASTED - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of William John Holy-Hasted will be held at Chelsea Old Church, Cheyne Walk, SW3, on Friday 20th June at 2.30pm.

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SYDNEY BIDWELL

Sydney Bidwell, Labour MP for Ealing Southall from 1966 to 1992, died on May 25 aged 80. He was born on January 14, 1917.

Sydney Bidwell devoted a large part of his political life to the struggle against racism. He introduced a Bill to outlaw marches which could be described as racist and he worked to exempt Sikhs from wearing safety helmets. After Enoch Powell's notorious 1968 Birmingham speech — Bidwell described it as "awful and bloody" — he organised demonstrations to counter Powellite marches by dockers and meat porters. His activities even resulted in attacks on his home.

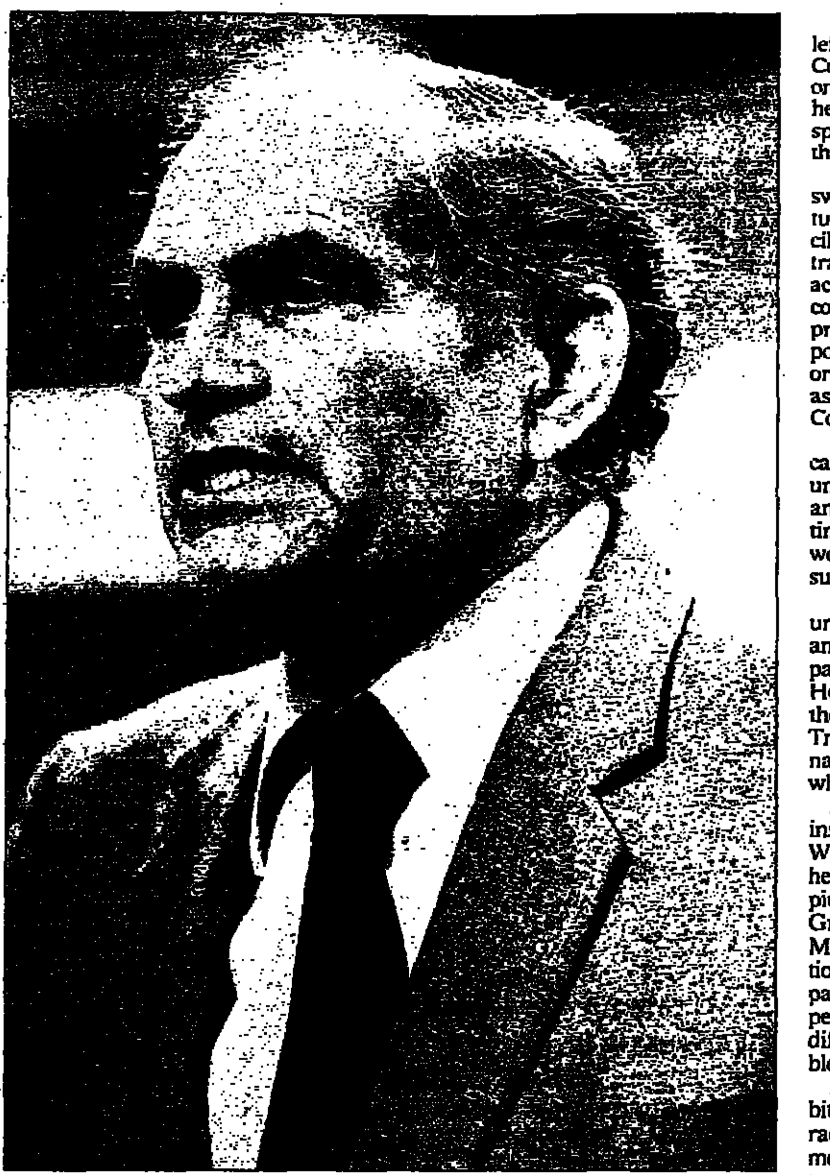
But, ironically, he lost his Commons seat as a result of a deselection process which had elements of racism. Bidwell, who had long pleaded for more Asian MPs, was replaced by Piara Khabra, a retired Sikh schoolteacher. There were allegations of irregularities by both Bidwell and another unsuccessful candidate for the nomination, the Asian Valerie Vaz, with proceedings reaching the High Court, but Khabra was eventually endorsed by Labour's National Executive Committee.

Bidwell then stood against Khabra at the 1992 election as a True Labour candidate but came in third after the Conservatives in second place, polling only 4,665 votes against Khabra's 23,476. Bidwell lost not only the election. He also lost his Labour Party membership. Expulsion was automatic after standing against the official Labour man.

Bidwell was born in Southall, educated at Southall elementary schools and represented his Southall constituents with conspicuous industry. His political misfortune was that Southall changed. By the time of his deselection, just over half the area's population was made up of non-white ethnic groups, mostly Indian.

The theory that occasional conflict between Hindus and Sikhs was an argument for continued white representation, particularly by a noted anti-racist, did Bidwell little good. Khabra, in fact, had no difficulty in being renominated in 1997, and retained the seat at the general election earlier this month with another big majority.

Bidwell himself was an unreconstructed Marxist. Stalinism disillusioned him with the Soviet Union and he joined the Trotskyist Revolutionary Communist Party. Though he later moved to the Labour Party, he remained a resolute leftwinger.



He was nevertheless popular on both sides of the House and recognised as a man devoted to his class and constituents. Indeed, on one occasion John Major, speaking as Prime Minister, offered him congratulations from the front bench on his 75th birthday.

On leaving school at the age of 14 Sydney James Bidwell became a van boy with the old Great Western Railway and graduated to becoming a shunter and a guard. But though he devoted a considerable part of his life to the National Union of Railwaymen he never progressed in it.

The right thought him a dangerous leftwinger, and the then powerful Communist faction would not back a one-time Trotskyist. As a result, when he eventually became an MP he was sponsored not by his own union but by the Transport Workers' Union.

After 20 years on the railways he switched careers to become a tutor/organiser for the National Council of Labour Colleges, which offered trade unionists and other political activists a number of specialised courses in working-class education. It provided lectures as well as correspondence courses and Bidwell organised these activities with enthusiasm throughout London and the Home Counties.

Bidwell's mind turned to a political career and he stood for Labour unsuccessfully in East Herts in 1959 and South-West Herts in 1964. His time came, however, in 1966 when he won his home seat of Southall in succession to George Pargiter.

In the House Bidwell specialised, unsurprisingly, in transport matters and served for many years on the all-party Select Committee on Transport. He was also elected vice-chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party's Transport Committee. He found a natural home in the Tribune Group where he was chairman in 1974-75.

All left-wing causes found in him an instinctive supporter. He opposed the Wilson-Castle plan for union reform, he defended the jailed Shrewsbury Six pickets, attacked the Special Patrol Group and voted for the Heffer-Meacher ticket in the leadership elections in 1983. Towards the end of his parliamentary career he made partial peace with the Communists, saying his differences with them were "negligible".

In retirement Bidwell never became bitter. He continued his work against racism, visiting Asian religious ceremonies in his former constituency, treasuring the ceremonial sword he was awarded at the Golden Temple in Amritsar and applying successfully for readmission to the Labour Party. He was a keen amateur painter and cartoonist who had helped to organise Commons exhibitions of the works of MPs.

Sydney Bidwell is survived by his wife Daphne and their son and daughter.

SIR CYRIL ENGLISH

Sir Cyril English, educationist, died on May 11 aged 85. He was born on April 19, 1912.

IN THE course of a distinguished career in education Sir Cyril English was successively both Senior Chief Inspector for Schools and Director-General of The City and Guilds of London Institute.

Cyril Rupert English was educated at Northgate School, Ipswich. He trained as a mechanical engineer, working before the war as an engineering designer and as a technical teacher. He served in the Royal Navy as an engineer officer from 1939 to 1946, starting with several years at sea and ending on the staff of the Engineer-in-Chief at the Admiralty, concerned with the development of new schemes for training; he left the Navy with the rank of lieutenant-commander.

He was then appointed HM Inspector of Schools as a technical (engineering) specialist in 1946. In the next twelve years, he was able to further his interests in engineering education and training through a number of regional appointments and, in 1958, he was promoted to Chief Inspector with national responsibility for vocational further education (in technical and commercial subjects and in art). In 1965 he became Senior Chief Inspector, responsible for HM Inspectorate of Schools covering all fields of education.

During his time with HM Inspectorate, he had gained a unique insight into the working of technical colleges providing courses based on City and Guilds schemes and of students preparing for City and Guilds assessments. He had, in fact, been closely associated with City and Guilds for some twenty years as a member of its senior committees, including the Examinations Board. In 1968 he was invited by the Institute to become its Director-General. He was to continue in that role for eight years, during a period of rapid change and transition in technical education.

From the outset, English made clear his determination that the range and quality of City and Guilds services to education and to industry should be second to none. His leadership resulted in considerable change to and development of the examination techniques and procedures used by City and Guilds; he encouraged the adoption of sophisticated tests, for instance, and the development of new assessment components.

His approach was characteristically robust and down to earth, with a vigorous emphasis on the assessment of practical performance. He championed the cause of young people whose talents lay in the vocational rather than the academic sphere and who consequently might have received less than an adequate share of educational resources.

He was a member of the James Committee of Inquiry into Teacher Education and Training, and his own distinguished contribution to education and training was recognised when he was knighted in the New Year's Honours of 1972. He received honorary doctorates from Brunel, Loughborough and the Open Universities.

He retired as Director-General of City and Guilds in 1976. He was careful to ensure that the activities of City and Guilds were placed on a sound financial basis to enable it to continue as politically and financially independent.

Cyril English leaves a widow and two sons.

MOHAMMED FADHIL JAMALI

Mohammed Fadhil Jamali, former Prime Minister of Iraq and last surviving signatory of the Charter of the United Nations, died in Tunis on May 24 aged 94. He was born in Baghdad on April 20, 1903.

FORTUNATE not to lose his life in the 1958 revolution in Iraq, which overthrew the Royal Family, and resulted in his being sentenced to death, Fadhil Jamali was lucky enough to have his sentence commuted and to be allowed to leave the country. He had served as Iraq's Prime Minister in the 1950s, and as Foreign Minister had been an influential figure at the United Nations in its early years.

Jamali was of the elite student generation at the end of the First World War who inherited what they thought would be fully independent Arab nations. Impatience with continuing Western control accompanied their work in government service to build the modern infrastructure of their countries. At the end of the Second World War they were the national leaders who had to address the issues of Israel, of relationships within the new Arab League, and of the Cold War. Their Arab ambitions often sat uneasily with their respect for Western civil institutions. For Jamali, these two elements became suffused in a broad and inclusive interpretation of Islam.

His father was a Shia scholar attached to the mosque of Al-Kazimain, a centre of Shia learning. By 1921, when Faisal of Arabia was installed by the British as King of Iraq, the young Fadhil was already teaching. He was one of the first group sent abroad to study at the American University of Beirut.

As a child he had grown up in a narrow Shia environment, with a few cautious encounters with Sunni neighbours. In Beirut his world view was exploded by student talk with Muslims, Jews and Christians of the many denominations found in the Near East.

Jamali learnt the art of maintaining personal friendship and respect amid political animosity. For the rest of his life he was convinced that co-operation with the People of the Book was essential for world order.

Further studies for a doctorate at Columbia University, New York, brought a wider range of friends, including Tagore. In Chicago he met his future wife, Sarah Powell. Her faithful care was to sustain him through years of public life and political imprisonment in Iraq and more than three decades of exile. Her concern for mentally handicapped children, their first son among them, led to pioneer projects in Iraq and later Tunisia.

In 1943, after ten years as Director of Education, Jamali moved to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where for 15 years he was prominent in Iraqi policy. In 1954 he was briefly Prime Minister.

As Foreign Minister in 1945 he represented his country in San Francisco where the constitution of the United Nations was written and signed. Jamali served on the committee drafting the provisions for the Security Council. He and other small power representatives resisted the proposed Great Power Veto as likely to hamper the new organisation. Warned by Anthony Eden, "No veto, no United Nations", they reluctantly gave way. He was also on the Trusteeship Committee dealing with the emergent nations. In 1950 he played a prominent part in the UN commission which secured promises of autonomy for Eritrea within a federated Ethiopia.

In 1955 a conference of independent states of Asia and Africa was called in Bandung, Indonesia, with Nehru, Nasser and Chou En-lai being the leading figures. The meeting was supposed to be non-aligned. Jamali spoke out strongly against the "new colonialism" of the Communist bloc, likening it to Western imperialism. His speech was a bombshell and drew a sharp reaction from Chou En-lai.

Jamali appealed to universal values. "If we want the world to turn into one integral camp, with no Eastern or Western camps," he said, "we must work on the basis of moral rearmament, whereby all races and nations, with clear hearts and no rancour or hatred, approach each other with humility, admit our own mistakes and work for mutual harmony and peace." The discussions were heated, the conclusion of the conference being that "colonialism in all its manifestations is an evil that must swiftly be brought to an end".

In 1958 the young King Faisal II, the Crown Prince and General Nuri al-Said were assassinated in a coup engineered by Brigadier-General Abdal-Karim Kassem. Jamali was jailed under sentence of death. But in 1961 the many representations from world leaders, including Nehru, Dag Hammarskjold and Pope John XXIII as well as Arab rulers, secured his release. At the invitation of President Bourguiba of Tunisia he went to Tunis and was appointed Professor of the Philosophy of Education at the university there.

The first of his many books, *Letters on Islam*, written in prison to his student son, was published in 1965. At international gatherings such as the General Islamic Conference held in Mecca in 1965 (where he headed the Cultural Committee) and his yearly participation in Moral Rearmament assemblies in Switzerland, he was a tireless advocate of "one humanity".

Jamali had suffered deeply from his Government and would not condone its cruelty. But he lamented the scale of destruction of the Gulf War, comparing it with the clemency shown to other transgressors against UN resolutions. He felt that Britain in earlier years had obstructed a fair settlement of the Iraq-Kuwait issues. Fierce in political debate until the end, he radiated to his wide range of friends the warmth and humour of a convivial patriarch.

Honours were showered on Jamali by, among others, Germany, Jordan, Morocco, Taiwan and the Vatican.

His wife Sarah and three sons survive him.

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(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SHEERNESS, May 27

The Princess Irene, one of the Canadian Pacific liners taken over by the Admiralty shortly after the outbreak of war, was destroyed in Sheerness Harbour to-day as the result of an internal explosion.

How the disaster occurred will probably never be known as all who were on board the vessel at the time perished. In addition to the crew, between 70 and 80 workmen belonging to the Chief Constructor's Department, Sheerness Dockyard, were at work on board the ship which was undergoing a refit.

The force of the explosion which occurred about 11.14 am was terrific. Windows were shattered and ceilings fell several miles away. Eye-witnesses state that flames rose to a height of at least 300ft, there being two pillars of flame with intervals of a few seconds between them, accompanied by dense clouds of white smoke. The smoke hung like a pall for several minutes over the spot where the Princess Irene had been moored, and when it dispersed it was seen that the liner was no more — only pieces of floating *débris* remained. Assistance was immediately rendered from both Sheerness and Chatham Dockyard and from vessels in the neighbourhood, and several bodies were picked up. In a marsh near by the gold stripes from the sleeve of a lieutenant's jacket had fallen on the body of a seaman.

Several men on board vessels moored in the river were injured by the debris. One of the coaling auxiliaries lost a crane, which was shaken out of its fittings into the sea by the force of the explosion. Part of a boiler in the liner fell on a vessel half a mile away.

There have been distressing scenes outside the dockyard gates, where relatives gathered to await the list of names of the dockyard employees who were working in the vessel.

AN OFFICER'S ACCOUNT OF THE DISASTER.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

CHATHAM, May 27.

I am told that, with the possible exception of two men, the whole of the crew of about 300, in addition to the dockyard workmen on board, were killed by the explosion in the Princess Irene. Places 10 miles to the south-west were covered with falling fragments, and there were indeed some cases of personal injury in the neighbourhood of Sittingbourne.

An officer who was on board a vessel only a few hundred yards from the Princess Irene at the time of the accident gave me a very clear description this evening of what he saw. He was on the Sheerness side of the vessel, and, as the wind was blowing strongly in the opposite direction, he was able to see the great explosion without being involved in it. He tells me that the noise of the explosion at close quarters was the most extraordinary experience of his life. The Princess Irene seemed to be hurled into the air a mile high in 10,000 fragments, and he could distinctly make out the forms of men amidst the flying wreckage and the great cloud of smoke. The end of the vessel was appallingly sudden and complete.

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Messiahs, morals and the meaning of life

"He's changed! He's changed!" Not having known Martin Bell before he left the BBC and became an MP, I could not join the rumours sweeping the big tent at the Hay-on-Wye Literary Festival last weekend. But I could tell in an instant that the "journalism of attachment" preached by the new Member for Tatton was a philosophy designed for one..Bell has done the right thing by becoming a politician. He now has an elected right to preach on making the world a better place.

That is not the reporter's job. What Bell has been arguing — that the journalist covering genocide or a massacre cannot remain impartial — is hardly as bold an idea as he makes out. Of course, journalists cannot simply step over the wounded after describing their injuries. Bell in Bosnia was a special case; having seen deliberate genocide, he felt he could not observe the BBC's dictum of even-handedness. Yet Kate Adie made no pretence of detachment at Tiananmen Square and won only admiration for the BBC. Ironically, she drew far more criticism for appearing "too forensic" in her reporting of Dunblane.

BRENDA MADDOX

Most journalism is not morally that easy. There is generally little choice but to report both sides of messy chaos. Bell declares that journalists should not be mere mirrors. But mirrors have their uses. American executions require witnesses. The reporters who saw a condemned man set on fire by Florida's faulty electric chair did not need to agonise about their duties. They reported what they saw and Florida has now shut down (temporarily) its defective device.

By what canon does a reporter turn preacher? Long service may be sufficient. Having seen so much and been trusted for so long may bestow the right to tell the venal from the righteous. When Walter Kronkite pronounces that American television networks are trivialising news, he deserves to be listened to — as Bell does in his Radio 4 series. News is a serious business. Those who package and deliver it are irresponsible to work on the principle of giving the audience the news it wants, or "the news relevant to their own lives". Their duty is to give the news that is far removed from the daily life of the audience and explain why it is relevant.

What makes people squirm now about Bell is that he is using his fame, bought with their licence fees, to make himself a moralist. Like Othello, he expects us to love him for the dangers he has passed, and he keeps reminding us of them. He has become indelibly a politician: predictable, repetitive, risible. These are the last dangers that await any working reporter, even an out-and-out polemicist such as John Pilger.

The strongest argument against the journalism of attachment was well put to Bell at Hay-on-Wye by fellow veteran on foreign wars Nik Gowing, ex-ITN, now of BBC World Service Television. Commitment devalues journalism, making it less trustworthy.

It also makes it more dangerous. The reason why journalists can go to war zones is that they are accepted as neutrals, like the Red Cross. Their safety depends on this — a fact recognised by organisations dedicated to the protection of journalists, which advise that journalists should avoid wearing anything that smacks of a military uniform.

It is hardly surprising that a battlefield superstar such as Bell should translate a telly face into votes. Ronald Reagan became President of the United States on weaker credentials. But the two have a lot in common. The ability to deliver one-liners is not something that comes naturally to your ordinary political hopeful. You have to be carefully taught. What worries me is the way in which familiarity breeds respect. Because we see them on the screen, we take their advice.

There was another television evangelist, so to speak, at Hay last weekend: Trevor McDonald of ITN. What a shock to see him in a T-shirt! Why did I think that morning, noon and night, and Bank Holidays, too, he would wear the same coat and tie that he wears on *News at Ten*. Because newsreaders are icons, expected to be as unchanging as brand labels. McDonald is a public moralist, too: the leader of the Campaign for Better English. He is, to be sure, superhumanly modest. Yet he, too, is using his public persona to tell us how to live better lives.

Like Bell, he embodies what he preaches: that speaking correct and well-articulated English, in his case, can raise you from humble origins to the top. In the nicest possible way, he dismisses "ebonics" or any other kind of local dialect. If young people want to have wider horizons than the neighbourhood into which they were born, he advises, they should learn to use the language well. Diction and grammar matter.

I did say, didn't I, that these two figures were speaking at a literary festival. They were there ostensibly as authors. But it is a fact that they outshone established writers such as Harold Pinter and David Lodge, who also had a thing or two to say about the meaning of life.

There was a lesson here, like it or not. The search for a new president of Harvard was once described to me as a quest for a "messiah with a pleasant speaking voice". It now seems that our quest for leaders leads to the telly screen. Our moralists are those with pleasing faces and well-modulated tones, brought to us against the background of the world's hideous events. That is what I call bad news.

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DAVID MCGRATH

Whose finger on Labour's media button?

A 'classy party machine' has moved in, says **Valerie Elliott**

Britain's new ministers want a clear political message in their policy announcements and are turning to the Labour Party machine to help them. Where civil servants once fulfilled the role, key Labour staff now provide briefing material and arrange media interviews.

The move appears set to put the party press team on collision course with the Government Information Service, which employs some 300 staff in Whitehall, because it effectively blurs the roles between the two groups.

Senior Whitehall officials are keeping a close eye on developments, but believe the situation will settle down as ministers feel more comfortable in their departments and the legislative programme bites in the Commons. Others believe they are learning new tricks from what they openly acknowledge is "an extremely classy party machine".

Before the election, however, senior Labour sources had floated the idea of political appointees being placed in press offices around Whitehall to offer the sharper, harder political message. So far this has only taken place in the 10 Downing Street press office itself, where Tim Allan and Hilary Coffman, former press officers for Tony Blair's Opposition office, have been recruited on a special adviser basis.

Downing Street has also asked the party press operation at Millbank Tower to provide them with daily media bulletins and provide briefing material on a range of policy issues.

The Labour Party press team are relaxed by the situation and believe they are filling a vacuum in departments. They are making themselves available to ministers to help with party political speeches, press releases, and to place and prepare them for high-profile television and radio interviews.

They are determined to evolve a happy medium of working with civil servants to drive forward the centralised, highly focused government message which is being demanded by Alastair Campbell, the political press secretary at No 10, and Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio, in charge of government presentation.

One Labour source said: "Many officials welcome our involvement. They are happy to have the division between the party political spin and the government line. But all this has to be decided on an ad hoc basis."

But a government source said: "Two sets of people handling ministerial business is a recipe for complete chaos. I think there is confusion on what is departmental and what is political. Departments are completely used to handling highly contentious issues. But the party might think that something highly contentious is political, which it is not."

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THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Guardian scrutinises specialists

UNCERTAIN times at *The Guardian* where the Editor Alan Rusbridger has been holding a series of meetings to decide deciding what to do with his team of specialists. Staff are being invited to discuss with the home desk and Deputy Editor Georgina Henry whether the time has come for a change of specialism or a stint "on the backbenches". Many claim fear is coursing through the newsroom as hacks wait to hear their fate. A voluntary redundancy scheme is to be put in operation although there will be no sackings. A anonymous fax to *The Times* complains that some "seem unlikely to be offered any substantial alternative role but to join the ever-growing ranks of reporters left to rot in the hope that boredom drives them out."

Mr Rusbridger, however, insists this is nonsense. "We have a new Labour Government where there are new priorities ... and we have to look at portfolios to see whether they are still the same or have the same relevance," he said, adding that the consultation process was "a completely genuine exercise. There is a bit of insecurity, with people waiting to see if they are going to be moved, but I don't believe there is general low morale."

Bright idea

EVER on the look out for a good confrontation, TV host Robert Kilroy-Silk hit a bright idea while enjoying a day out at the Windsor Horse Show with Harrods owner Mohamed Al Fayed. Kilroy-Silk decided it would make jolly good television to have the new Judy and Richard of the showbiz world, Neil and Christine Hamilton, coming face to face with their *bête noire* Al Fayed on his show. Tragically, desperate though the Hamiltons are for a TV career, the idea has been rejected by both parties. A Kilroy insider said: "We live in hope."

Kilroy-Silk: still hopeful

Bra casualty

WONDERBRAS have become the latest casualty of the newly merged ad agency TBWA.

Since adland's most famous adman, Trevor Beattie, departed for GGT, the tights company Pretty Polly and the National Canine Defence League (remember Toys Aren't Us?) have taken their accounts elsewhere. Now Wonderbra has followed suit, leaving the now named TBWA Simons Palmer rather deflated.

Wonderbra: agency change

Puns purged

EXECUTIVES at *The Express* have been hit with a no-nonsense memorandum outlining the shortfalls of their product. Hackneyed journalism is most definitely out.

"One form of linguistic Black Death that has swept *The Express* in recent years is the weak pun," says Editor Richard "Adios" Addis. "Only if a pun registers ten on the Richter scale of wit should it be allowed into the paper."

He goes on to criticise even the mighty *Daily Mail*, his former employer. "It does have weaknesses — one of which is that it occasionally feels like a woman's magazine," he ventures, adding that a *Mail* foreign hack recently commented that after reading it he had to buy another paper to find out what the news was.

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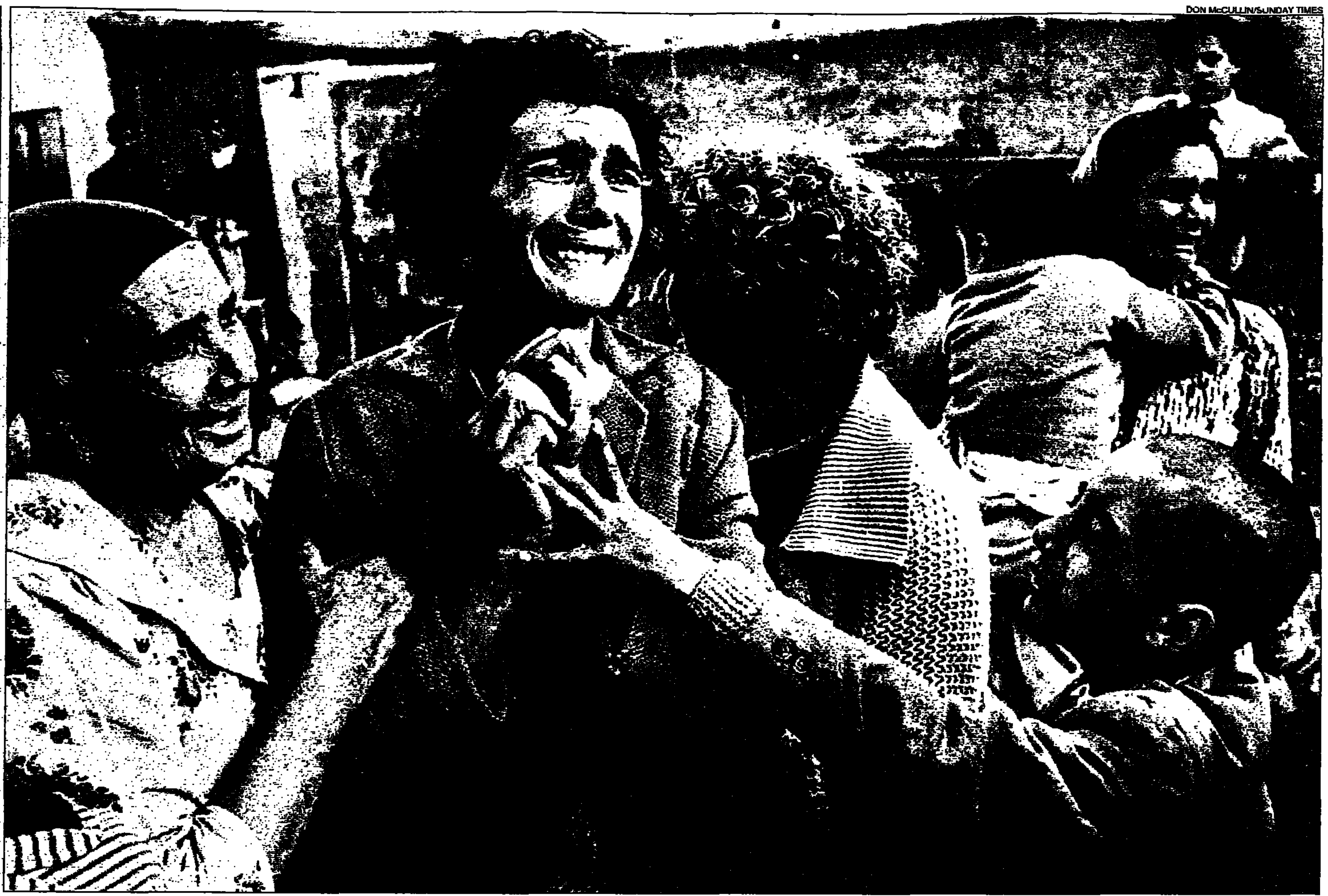
A picture of despair ... Harold Evans selected this image of a grieving widow as a personal favourite. He believes that it epitomises the tragedy of Cyprus. Today, photographs of equal power are still being published

The power of the picture

Is it ever justifiable to censor a newspaper picture? **Brian MacArthur** meets Harold Evans, master of photo-journalism

There is no more haunting image of the Gulf War than the picture by Kenneth Jarecke — seen right — of the charred corpse of an Iraqi soldier. It is the most shocking photograph published in a British newspaper since the Vietnam War. Readers were outraged when it was published in *The Observer* in 1991. It was so memorable, so horrifying that when it was transmitted by Associated Press a New York editor censored it and refused to wire the picture to newspapers in the United States. Even when the picture was finally published, no magazine was prepared to publish it.

Yet it is this picture, which raises profound questions about editorial judgment, which dominates the introduction by Harold Evans to a new edition of *Pictures on a Page*, his classic textbook of photo-journalism now updated (in association with Edwin Taylor) for a new generation of aspiring journalists (Pimlico, £20).

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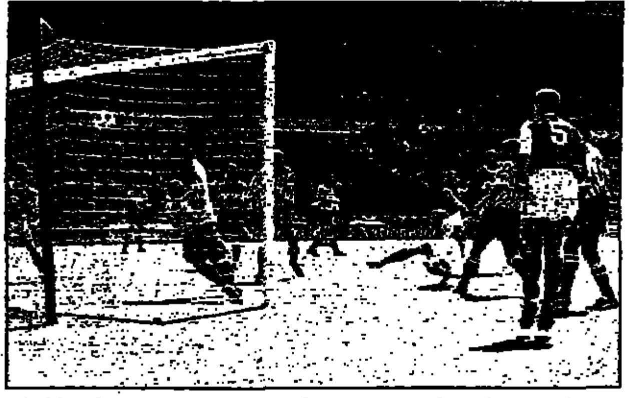
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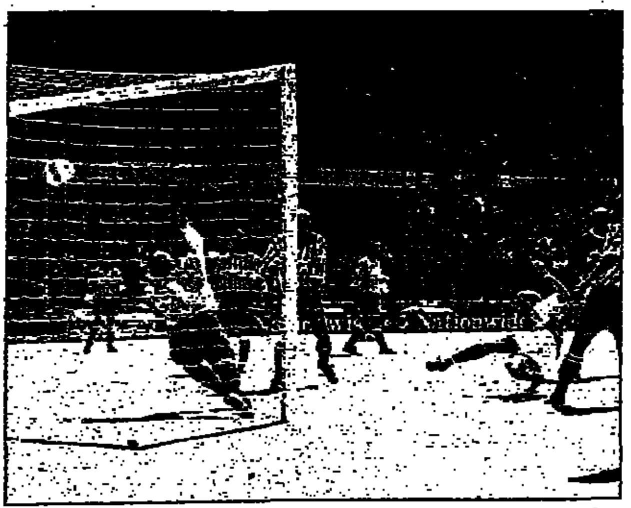
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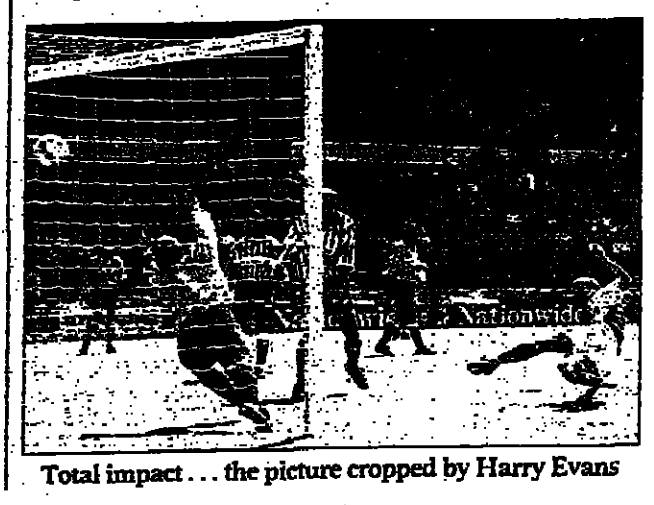

Total impact ... the picture cropped by Harry Evans

KENNETH JARECKE

The image that brought home the horror of the Gulf War

Evans uses it to refute the "fashionable fallacy" that the video era has rendered the still news photograph obsolete. The power of Jarecke's photograph, as he explains, is that it was of a solitary individual in the transfixation of a hideous death. "In the absence of a photograph of this power, it had been possible to enjoy the lethal felicity of designer bombs as some kind of video game. It had been possible to be caught up in the excitement of people rushing to escape the Scuds. There was no escape from the still silence of the corpse in Jarecke's photograph. Once seen, it has a permanent place in one's imagination."

On the question of whether editors should censor pictures that may offend, Evans now suggests four areas of sensitivity instead of only two in his original chapter on ethics — faking, sex and public decency, violence and intrusions into privacy. He argues that at least one of four questions needs to answered in the affirmative to justify publishing a shocking picture. Is any shock justified by the social or historic significance of the event? Is the objectionable detail necessary for a proper understanding of the event? Does the subject freely consent? And is the photograph expressive of humanity?

According to Evans, Jarecke's picture met most of his suggested tests and *The Observer* was justified in publishing it. "The shock was necessary ... I was forced to recognise that I had willed this man's death. I believed the Gulf War was a just war, and perhaps the dead Iraqi believed that he was fighting a holy war, but this inescapably was the consequence of our convictions. It is right that we should contemplate the results of our convictions. Here, in charred flesh and grinning skull, was the price of patriotism."

Newspaper pictures rarely demand that level of critical scrutiny. Yet *Pictures* is a timely reminder of one of journalism's most over-used clichés — that a picture is worth a thousand words. That is shown by the power of Don McCullin's photograph at the top of this page which Evans selects as one of his personal favourites in the book.

He sees it as epitomising the tragedy of the Greek-Turkish conflict in Cyprus: "The woman, a Turk, has just learnt that her husband has been killed during overnight fighting; her son reaches up as much, it seems, to comfort her as to seek solace himself." McCullin's picture for *The Sunday Times* won the 1964 World Press Award. Today, pictures of equal power are still being published, as is shown by the photograph from Angola by the Italian photographer Francesco Zizola, the winner of the 1996 award *(World Press Photo Yearbook, 1997*, Thames and Hudson, £9.95).

Since *Pictures* was first published in 1978, when Harold Evans was the Editor of *The Sunday Times*, there has been a revolution in the use of pictures in newspapers. Most are now in colour and are transmitted and edited and cropped on computers. Yet, as Evans says, nothing has changed in the practical business of taking and assessing the photograph.

We all have our heroes and one of mine is Harold Evans, who was an inspirational Editor of *The Sunday Times* from 1967 to 1981. One his passions was pictures. So it was a treat this week to sit down with him on a visit to London and assess some of the Bank Holiday papers and in particular the sports sections, where photographs are used most boldly.

He saluted the front pages of *The Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Independent* but his pen was soon out when we got to the *Telegraph* and recropping its picture of Crewe's winning goal against Brentford. As our illustrations show, the *Telegraph* had cropped the original picture — but by cropping the picture still more, Evans obtained a greater impact.

The air fizzed with his enthusiasms. There was an arresting shape in the front-page picture of *The Times*: he admired the colourful red robes of Trappist monks voting in the French election in *The Guardian*; a *Telegraph* picture of Adam Hollioake with blurred faces in the background which summoned up the scent of mown grass at Lord's, and the *Guardian* front of Ben Hollioake.

Evans was much less enthusiastic about the tabloids. The *Daily Mail* was the best and he admired a set of four pictures of Nick Faldo in *The Express* but the photographers of *The Sun*, *Mirror* and *Daily Star* were badly treated, with their pictures used as a "fretwork" design element rather than for their own integrity.

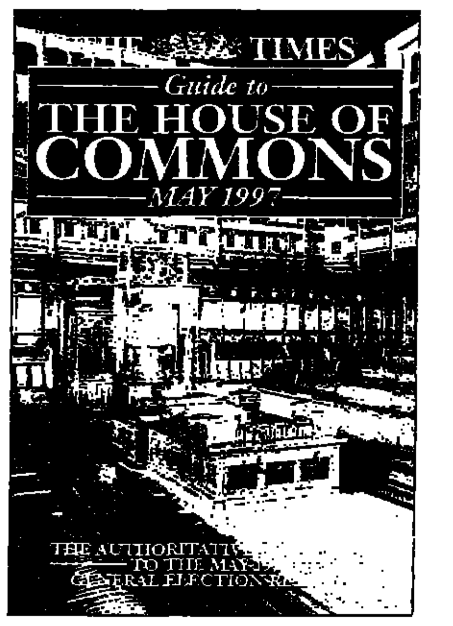
He was enjoying his visit. "It's such a joy to read the British papers again after being in the United States — a joy because their editing and design is superior to any American newspaper."

FRANCESCO ZIZOLA

Tragedy in Angola ... the winner of the 1996 World Photo Award

Evans praised *The Guardian's* picture of Ben Hollioake

Who won what and why?



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NEWS

Nato and Russia in historic accord

■ NATO and Russia blew away the last breath of the Cold War by signing an accord that paves the way for the strongest military alliance in history.

The "Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Co-operation and Security" was hailed as ending half a century of division in Europe. President Yeltsin astonished the Nato leaders with an impromptu promise to remove the warheads from nuclear weapons pointing at their countries........................**Pages 1, 17**

Clinton ordered to face sex claim case

■ President Clinton faced perhaps the *most embarrassing* controversy of his presidency when the Supreme Court ruled that Paula Jones could *pursue her sexual harassment* case against him. It ruled that the President could face lawsuits over acts *unrelated to official* duties .... **Pages 1, 16**

School choice

Thousands of parents will be denied places for their children at popular primary schools under the Government's election pledge on *maximum* class *sizes*, head teachers said...................... **Page 1**

E. coli warning

The number of cases of *E. coli* food poisoning will reach a record level this year, the leading expert in the disease said.............**Page 2**

Schoolgirls guilty

Two teenage schoolgirls were found guilty of leading a vicious gang attack on a fellow pupil who *later killed herself*.............**Page 3**

Abortion case ends

James Kelly ended his 12-day legal fight to stop his estranged *wife from* having an abortion .... **Page 5**

Gay baby share

Two disabled homosexuals want to "share" a surrogate baby with a lesbian couple .... **Page 7**

Glittering prize

A search for the right candidate to fill one of the country's most glittering posts, Ambassador to Washington, is under way in *Whitehall*.........................*Page 8*

Hope of pardon

The great nephew of a First World War sergeant executed for *cowardice and desertion* was given the first glimmer of hope that his campaign for a pardon might at last succeed .... **Page 9**

New homes plan

Plans to build a town with 5,000 homes in the heart of the Hampshire countryside have received a boost after government-appointed *examiners recommended* that the development go ahead **Page 11**

False piety

A priest has accused parents of turning up to Mass at *his* parish and pretending to be devout Christians to secure places for their children at a successful church primary school ... **Page 13**

Spymaster convicted

The "man without a face" — *the* former East German spymaster Markus Wolf — has been convicted by a German court of three kidnappings during the Cold War and given a two-year suspended prison sentence.. **Page 14**

Peace progress

Three hours of crisis talks between Israeli and Egyptian leaders have secured what both sides called "a positive beginning" to bringing Israel and the Palestin*ians back to the peace negotiating* table .... **Page 15**

President's appeal

Jacques Chirac, France's conservative President, faced one of the toughest tests of his political career as he sought to head off a left-wing election victory with a direct televised appeal for voters' support .... **Page 17**

Conran to be official design guru

■ *Sir Terence Conran* is believed to be the latest top businessman recruited to government service. He is discussing a role in which he would emphasise the importance of good design. It could span both the Department of Trade and Industry, where he would aim to increase design awareness in business, and the Department of National Heritage.....**Page 1**

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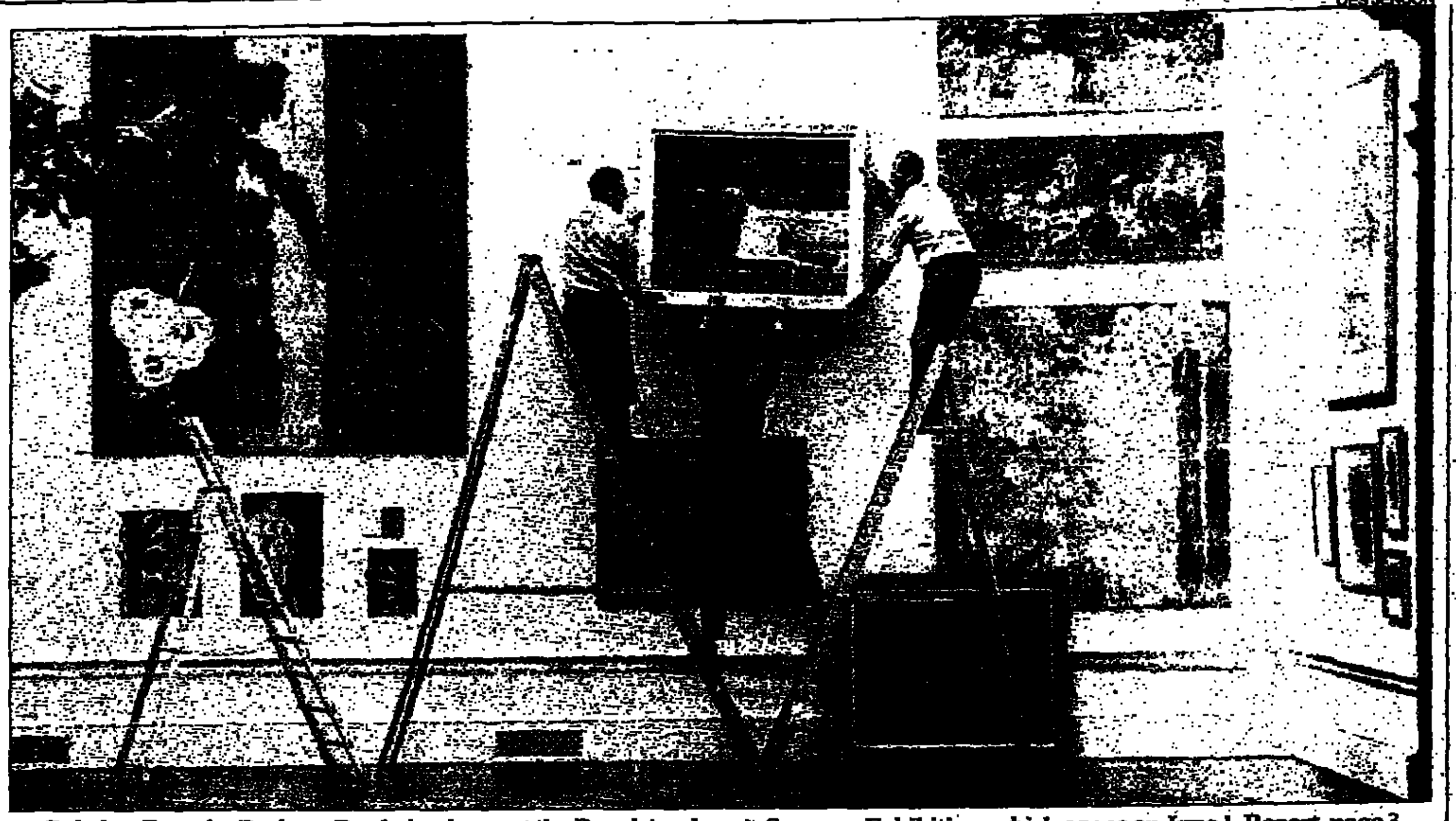

Caledon Farm by Barbara Rae being hung at the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition, which opens on June 1. Report, page 3

BUSINESS

Barclays: Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays and the new head of the Government's Task Force to reform tax and benefits, called on currency speculators to "blow apart" any too-hasty move to the euro.............................**Page 27**

EMI: The music group is to spend £117.2 million restructuring its US operations..........................**Page 27**

Pharmaceuticals: The EU was on the verge of signing a deal that would make it much easier for *drug companies* to secure regulatory licences.......................**Page 27**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 19.8 points to close at 4681.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 98.1 to 98.6 after a rise from DM2.7557 to DM2.7714 but a fall *from $1.6300 to $1.6288* .... **Page 30**

SPORT

Cricket: Kent, Surrey, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire reached the *semi-finals* of the Benson and Hedges Cup. Mark Ramprakash has taken over as captain of Middlesex..................... **Page 48**

Football: Tony Adams will miss England's World Cup qualifying match against Poland because of an ankle injury. *Paul* Gascoigne should be fit ....**Page 52**

Tennis: Tim Henman lost in five sets to Olivier Delaitre, of France, in the first round of the French Open, bringing an end to British involvement in the men's singles...............................**Page 52**

Golf: The Solheim Cup, the women's equivalent of the Ryder Cup, is to be played at Sunningdale in 2000 ....**Page 52**

Driven man: Film director David Cronenberg is bemused by Brit*ain's hostility* to *his movie Crash* which, he says, "begs and pleads to be taken metaphorically, not literally" ....**Page 39**

Rising star: Ben Brown, 27, qualified as a lawyer before deciding playwriting was his metier. His first full-length play is about to open in Hampstead..........**Page 39**

War wounds: *Black US Marine* Albert French saw his best friend blown apart during the Vietnam War. Now he has written his own powerful war memoir ...... **Page 40**

Tribes of pop: The good weather was the icing on the festival cake at Sutton Hoo in Bedfordshire, where 30,000 revellers joined the Tribal *Gathering*........................**Page 41**

Eighties retro: Iain R. Webb on shoulder-pads and the enduring *influence of a man* called Joseph ....**Page 18**

First ladies: Republicans foam at the mouth at the mention of Hillary Clinton's name . . . yet it is unlikely that even the most partisan of Tories will take against Cherie Booth. The *mantle* of dragon lady will not fit.....................................**Pages 18-19**

Moral maze: James Kelly has decided to stop trying legally to prevent his wife having an abortion. That does nothing to clear up the confusion on our part, says Nigella Lawson ....**Page 19**

Shock horror: A photograph of the charred corpse of an Iraqi soldier was the most shocking image in a British newspaper since the Vietnam War. Harold Evans believes publication was justified, says Brian MacArthur........................*Page 25*

Riviera living: A British company is *offering* luxury villas to rent or buy in the South of France.......**Page 36**

Alain Juppé knows in public life there are circumstances in which one must be heroic. By keeping out of the way, he has inspired the gratitude of all the French who do *not wish to see* the Left back in power so quickly —*Le Figaro*

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IN THE TIMES

■ **FILMS**
Geoff Brown reviews Clint Eastwood (left) in *Absolute Power*

■ **BOOKS**
Naomi Wolf on Sheila Rowbotham's reappraisal of feminism, *A Century of Women*

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Preview: Public sage, private monster? Bertrand Russell is reassessed. *Reputations* (BBC2, 9pm)
Review: Matthew Bond on a bitty *approach to the Elephant* Man .... **Pages 46, 47**

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Promises to keep

The point for Western leaders to note is that this is a deal that Mr Yeltsin, taunted by nationalists for signing a new Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, can sell to Russians only as part of a broader political package, one that sets Russia firmly on course for full membership of *all* the important international clubs.....................................**Page 21**

A matter of honour

Seventy years on from the Great War it is hard to imagine the pres*sures men faced. It is equally hard* to imagine how difficult it was for officers to maintain military discipline ....**Page 21**

Ladylike values

The ladybird's sexual activities can safely be left to look after themselves. So far they have managed wonderfully well ....**Page 21**

SIMON JENKINS

In ten years' time, non-coital procreation will be commonplace. A feature of the surrogacy debate is the widening gap between scientists and attendant parents desperate for children and *a ragged army* of moralists and legislators chasing after them...........................**Page 28**

ALAN COREN

Some may have The Times propped against the cruet, but their faces are lying beside the cornflakes, snoring gently. Others may have taken the paper to read in *their* tub, where it is presently soaking to dark grey shards.....**Page 28**

SIMON BARNES

The Texaco Trophy one-day cricket *series gave us the intriguing spectacle* of brother seeking to outdo brother ....**Page 46**

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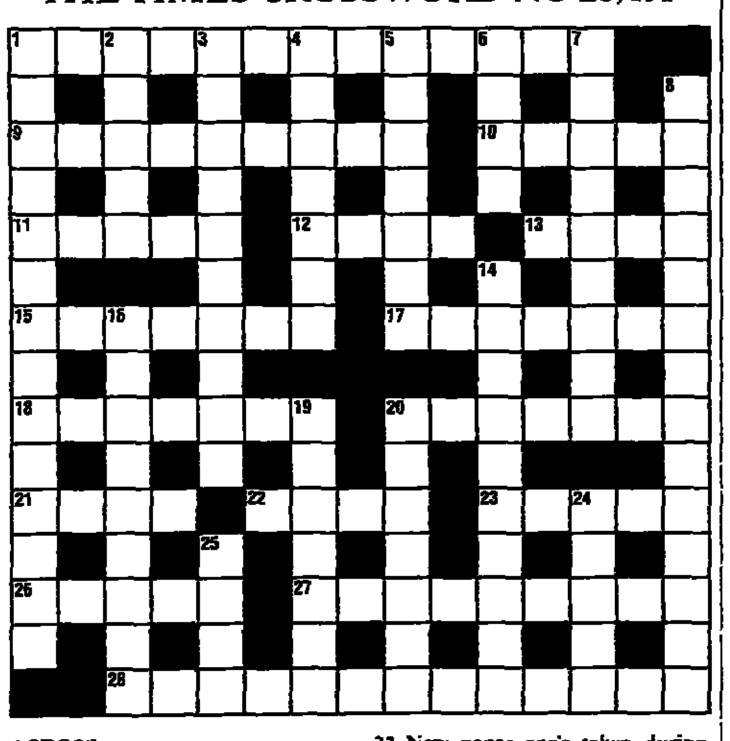

ACROSS

1 Titled person, such as Lord Jim (9,4).
9 Blunder in reduction of tension, cut defensive weapon (9).
10 Small child eats right sort of joint (5).
11 Set commercial in a port (5).
12 Heavy metal's chief performer (4).
13 Bull potentially found in state force (4).
15 Attempt to comprehend one wooden bit in Henry VI, say (7).
17 Say "I" most in order to reveal this (7).
18 Rages at misused riot control measure (4,3).
20 Old style in new trade company (3,4).
21 Unhappy about one named previously (4).
22 Boast about what one wears (4).
23 New paper one's taken during holiday (5).
26 A British fish in brook (5).
27 Trendy teaching creates apprehension, without reason (9).
28 The old, old soldier's given army, say, useful help (6,7).

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1 Ex-PM, perhaps, presenting tree to American? (5,9).
2 Chose work to load onto hooligan (5).
3 It's not likely to be a tricky hand to play (10).
4 Too gripping a cover (7).
5 String having been stretched is lifted into place (7).
6 Some of them mysteriously will get an award (4).
7 Poor Socrates swallowing one to retire from society? (9).
8 Pomposity felt personally by Ernest? (4-10).
14 Dog appears to baffle part-time soldier (3,7).
16 Powerlessness of popular old gardener doffing cap (9).
19 Produces life, when short of energy – summoned up this? (7).
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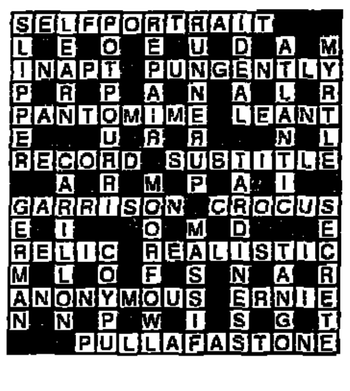

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☐ **General:** Eastern England and the South East *will feel rather cool* in the brisk northeasterly winds. It may also be quite cloudy at times. Central and *western parts* should be dry with a good deal of sunshine and should have rather warmer temperatures.

The Northern Isles and Shetland will be rather cloudy with some patchy drizzle. Otherwise Scotland and Northern Ireland should have a dry day with long sunny periods.

☐ **London, SE England, Channel *Isles:*** *cloudy at first, but some sunny* spells developing. Winds moderate, locally fresh, east to northeasterly. *Cool. Max 17C (63F).*

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England:** cloudy at first, then some sunny spells. Winds light to moderate, northeasterly. Cool. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Central N England:** dry with sunny spells. Winds light to moderate, easterly. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** dry with long sunny spells. Winds light and variable. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Orkney:** mainly dry but rather cloudy at times. Winds south to southwest, light to moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Shetland:** cloudy with occasional light rain. Winds south to southwesterly, light to moderate. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook for Thursday and Friday:** most areas should be dry with sunny spells. Gradually becoming warmer.

☐ **Pollen:** Low in East Anglia, N Scotland, S Scotland, N Ireland, NW England, NE England, and N Wales. Low to moderate in S Wales, Midlands, SW England, SE England, Central S England and London.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	3.9	-	14	57	b	*Littlehampton*	12.5	-	18	64	s
Anglesey	6.2	-	20	68	s	London	11.0	-	18	64	s
Aspatria	6.9	-	19	66	s	Lowestoft	2.9	-	13	55	s
Aviemore	7.5	-	15	59	c	Manchester	1.4	0.01	17	63	c
Belfast	9.5	0.01	20	68	s	Margate	5.0	-	15	59	s
Birmingham	10.7	-	17	63	s	Minehead	9.7	-	19	66	s
Bognor R	11.5	-	19	66	s	Morecambe	4.7	-	17	63	c
Bournem'th	11.3	-	19	66	s	Newcastle	5.1	-	14	57	s
Bristol	11.0	-	20	68	s	Newquay	11.1	-	21	70	s
Buxton	2.6	-	14	57	s	Norwich	4.5	0.01	14	57	c
Cardiff	11.7	-	20	68	s	Oxford	8.7	-	18	64	s
Clacton	X	-	12	54	s	Penzance	X				
Cleethorpes	4.5	-	13	55	s	Poole	9.8	-	18	64	s
Cromer	0.2	0.01	11	52	c	Prestatyn	X	-	16	61	s
Dunbar	10.5	-	13	55	s	Ross-o-wye	8.8	-	20	68	s
Eastbourne	12.5	-	17	63	s	Ryde	11.3	-	17	63	s
Edinburgh	10.6	-	17	63	s	Salcombe	8.1	-	16	61	s
Eskdalemuir	4.8	-	16	61	b	Sandown	10.7	-	17	63	s
Exmouth	9.4	-	17	63	s	Saunton Snd	6.4	-	22	72	s
Falmouth	9.2	-	16	61	s	Shanklin	10.9	-	15	59	s
Folkestone	5.8	-	16	61	b	*Shrewsbury*	7.5	0.01	18	64	s
Glasgow	13.1	-	21	70	s	Skegness	4.0	-	12	54	s
Guernsey	14.5	-	18	64	s	Southend	10.5	-	X	X	s
Hastings	13.1	-	16	61	s	Southport	4.9	-	18	64	b
Hayling I	10.7	-	19	66	s	Stornoway	0.6	0.01	13	55	d
Herne Bay	6.0	-	X	X	s	Swanage	8.6	-	15	59	s
Hove	12.4	-	20	68	s	Teignmouth	8.2	-	16	61	s
Hunstanton	X	-	12	54	s	Tenby	10.2	-	18	64	s
Isle of Man	9.7	-	16	61	s	Tiree	6.8	0.01	15	59	b
Jersey	14.7	-	19	66	s	Torquay	6.8	-	17	63	s
Kinloss	5.5	-	15	59	b	Ventnor	9.8	-	18	64	s
Leeds	5.8	-	17	63	c	West-s-mare	7.5	-	21	70	b
Lerwick	9.7	-	10	50	s	Weymouth	9.6	-	17	63	s
Leuchars	10.9	-	15	59	b						

ABROAD

Ajaccio	23	73	s	Corfu	27	81	s	Majorca	30	86	s	Rome	23	73	s
Akrotiri	27	81	s	C'phagn	10	50	c	Malaga	22	72	f	S Fr'isco	21	70	s
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Dublin	16	61	c	Malta	25	77	s	S Paulo	18	64	c
Algiers	26	79	s	Dubrovnik	16	61	c	Melb'rne	15	59	f	Salzburg	16	61	s
Amst'dm	14	57	f	Faro	22	72	f	Mexico C	23	73	f	Santiago	16	61	c
Athens	25	77	s	Florence	24	75	s	Miami	32	90	s	Seoul	23	73	f
B Aires	13	55	s	Frankfurt	18	64	f	Milan	23	73	c	Sing'por	34	93	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Funchal	21	70	f	Montreal	14	57	f	St'kholm	11	52	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	21	70	s	Moscow	9	48	c	Strasb'rg	21	70	s
Barbados	29	84	s	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Munich	17	63	f	Sydney	19	66	s
Barcelona	22	72	s	Helsinki	13	55	s	N Delhi	36	97	s	Tangier	23	73	f
Beirut	24	75	f	Hong K	28	82	s	N York	19	66	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Belgrade	12	54	c	Innsbrck	20	68	f	Nairobi	X			Tenerife	25	77	c
Berlin	17	63	f	Istanbul	18	64	f	Naples	27	81	s	Tokyo	22	72	s
Bermuda	25	77	c	Jeddah	40	104	s	Nice	22	72	s	Toronto	15	59	f
Biarritz	26	79	s	Jo'burg	5	41	r	Oslo	12	54	r	Tunis	29	84	s
Borde'x	27	81	s	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	21	70	s	Valencia	23	73	s
Brussels	17	63	s	L Palmas	22	72	f	Peking	23	73	s	Vanc'ver	14	57	c
Budapst	16	61	s	Le Touquet	16	61	f	Perth	18	64	f	Venice	20	68	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Lisbon	21	70	f	Prague	15	59	s	Vienna	13	55	f
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Locarno	19	66	s	Reykjavik	8	46	c	Warsaw	15	59	f
Ch'church	11	52	X	Luxembg	19	66	s	Rhodes	26	79	s	Wash'ton	20	68	f
Chicago	12	54	f	Luxor	39	102	s	Rio de J	23	73	f	Wel'ngton	15	59	X
Cologne	17	63	f	Madrid	21	70	c	Riyadh	39	102	f	Zurich	19	66	s

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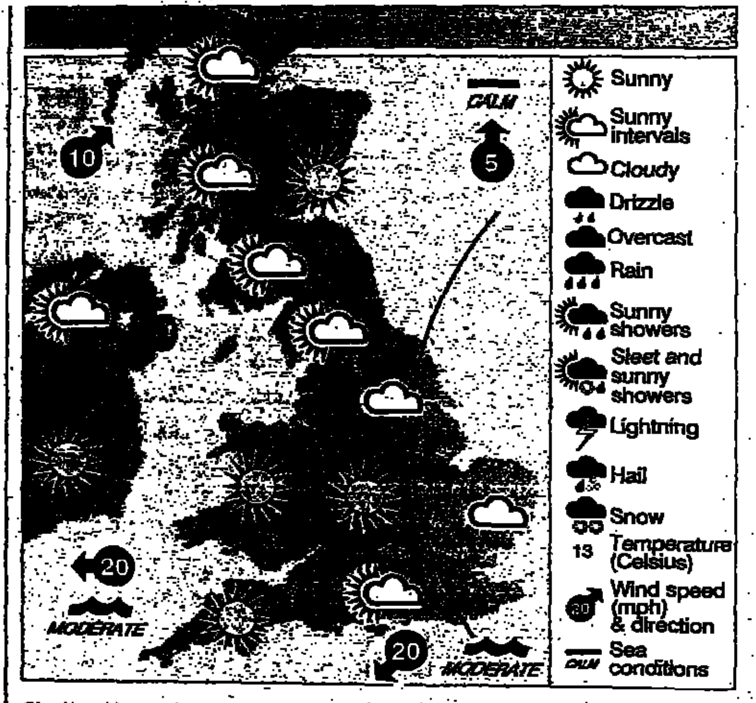

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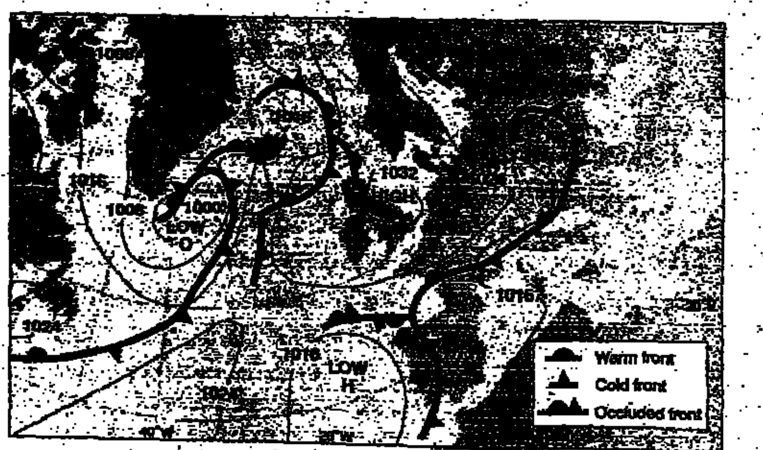

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	06.46	6.8	19.02	6.6	Leith	07.39	5.0	20.18	5.0
Aberdeen	06.15	3.8	19.08	3.7	Liverpool	04.03	8.8	16.35	8.4
Avonmouth	-	-	12.15	11.7	Lowestoft	02.31	2.2	14.27	2.3
Belfast	03.52	3.3	15.38	3.1	Margate	04.56	4.5	17.11	4.4
Cardiff	-	-	12.01	10.9	Milford Haven	11.21	6.0	23.51	6.1
Devonport	10.39	4.8	22.59	5.0	Newquay	10.18	6.1	22.49	6.2
Dover	03.56	6.1	16.24	6.2	Oban	10.39	3.2	23.28	3.3
Dublin (N'Wall)	04.32	3.9	17.24	3.7	Penzance	09.47	4.8	22.17	5.0
Falmouth	10.10	4.6	22.30	4.8	Portland			12.03	1.5
Greenock	05.16	3.3	17.53	3.1	Portsmouth	04.09	4.3	17.00	4.4
Harwich	04.42	3.8	16.59	3.7	Shoreham	03.58	5.8	16.37	5.7
Holyhead	03.11	5.2	15.50	4.9	Southampton	03.32	4.2	16.10	4.2
Hull (Albert D)	11.12	8.0	23.54	7.8	Swansea	11.30	8.3	-	-
Ilfracombe	11.04	8.1	23.35	8.1	Tees	08.47	5.0	21.36	4.8
King's Lynn	11.20	6.0			Walton-on-N	04.39	4.0	16.54	3.8

All times BST. Heights in metres.

Sun rises: 4.53 am
Sun sets: 9.04 pm
Moon sets: 11.28 pm
Moon rises: 1.05 am

London 9.04 pm to 4.52 am
Bristol 9.13 pm to 5.02 am
Edinburgh 9.41 pm to 4.39 am
Manchester 9.23 pm to 4.50 am
Penzance 9.19 pm to 5.20 am

Last quarter tomorrow

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AT&T plans record $55bn merger with SBC

Vallance: MCI target

BY RICHARD THOMSON AND ERIC REGULY

AT&T, America's largest long-distance phone company, is preparing to reshape the global telecommunications market through a $55 billion merger with SBC Communications, the leading regional phone operator.

Analysts said the deal, the largest merger in history, would put pressure on British Telecom to make another acquisition in the US in addition to its £$20 billion merger with MCI.

A combination of AT&T and SBC, would create a group with US$80 billion in annual revenue, making it the world's largest phone company. It would be more than twice the size of Concert, the company being formed by the merger of BT and MCI, America's second largest long distance phone company. Robert Millington, a BZW Research analyst, said: "AT&T and SBC would be a very powerful combination. It raises the possiblity of BT and MCI doing another deal in the US."

BT, chaired by Sir Ian Vallance, wants to buy MCI partly because MCI is developing a local network aimed primarily at business customers. The traffic generated by these customers would feed into Concert's own network.

MCI, however, is having trouble expanding in the local market because of the complexities of the new regulatory framework and the high cost of building networks. It may decide that buying a regional or local company is the easiest solution. BT would not comment.

An AT&T-SBC deal would probably take the form of a stock swap, with SBC shareholders receiving AT&T shares. Negotiations are not completed. The two companies are understood to be grappling with the financial structure of the deal, the merged company's new management and the integration of operations. AT&T and SBC would not confirm that talks were taking place.

AT&T, with a market capitalisation of nearly $60 million, is slightly larger than SBC, which is worth around $52 million. SBC is the largest of the Baby Bells, the regional US phone companies, with operations covering much of Texas, the South West and California. It was formed from the merger of PacTel and Southwestern Bell and is regarded as one of the best-managed and most aggressive US phone companies.

An AT&T-SBC combination would have 230,000 employees and nearly 60 per cent of the $80 billion US long distance telecoms market. The talks were made possible by the passage last year of the Telecommunications Act.

AT&T, which has been performing badly under Robert Allen, its chairman, is looking for a quick way into the local US phone market as several Baby Bells eat into its traditional long distance business. It also wants to offer a "one-stop" service of local, long distance and international phone services to business customers who prefer dealing with one phone company instead of several. AT&T has also been in talks with several companies including Bell South and GTE. Analysts believe GTE might be attractive to Concert.

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EMI goes for £117m revamp in America

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

EMI, the music company that demerged from Thorn last year, is to spend £117.2 million restructuring its North America operations after a sharp drop in sales there.

The size of the unexpected provision, along with a forecast of modest progress this year, sent EMI's shares down nearly 4 per cent to £11.72½ and will put pressure on Jim Fifield, the head of EMI Music, who received £7.38 million pay package in 1995-96. The announcement that EMI intends to distribute more than £500 million of funds to shareholders failed to bolster the share price.

The head office of EMI Capital in New York is to be shut, with the loss of 35 senior management jobs, including that of its head, Charles Koppelman. Sir Colin Southgate, chairman, said the US managers had failed to ensure that recordings by US acts had sold succesfully overseas.

Ken Berry, now head of EMI Music International and Virgin Records, is to become president of EMI Recorded Music. Mr Berry, who is normally based in London, is to spend most of next year in America and the heads of EMI's other US labels will report directly to him.

Mr Berry will report to Mr Fifield, who will remain as chief executive of EMI Music.

Sir Colin said none of the US labels would be cut or merged, but savings would come from the removal of a layer of management. He said that the problems in North America were not the responsibility of any one person. "The buck stops here and we all take the responsibility," he said.

The provision will cover the cost of the redundancies, bad debts to bankrupted US retailers, office closures and some asset write-offs. The changes should cut operating costs by £35 million to £40 million a year.

Sir Colin said the aim was for the US return on sales to rise from the current 5 per cent to 10 per cent over the next three years. The broader aim is to make EMI one of the top three music companies in North America, where it is is now fifth behind Warner, Sony, PolyGram and Bertelsmann. EMI is number two in the world outside North America.

The exceptional item reduced pre-tax profit for the year to March 31 to £283.9 million, against £376 million. At constant exchange rates, group turnover was up 1.8 per cent to £3.58 billion. However, the strength of sterling reduced reported revenues by £192.2 million to £3.39 billion. This was equal to a fall of 3.64 per cent. US sales fell 13.2 per cent to £762 million.

The final dividend, payable on July 18, is 22p, giving a full-year total of 30p, compared with 27p last year.

Sir Colin said last year's outstanding performance came from the Spice Girls, whose album, *Spice*, sold 11.5 million copies worldwide. He said he had high hopes for Radiohead's *Paranoid Android*, released last weekend, and other new albums, including one by the Rolling Stones.

The company hopes to have proposals to return up to 10 per cent of its market capitalisation — equal to more than £500 million — to shareholders ready in time for its July 18 annual meeting.

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Jim Fifield, chief of EMI Music, will face pressure over the size of the provision

EMI has high hopes for *Paranoid Android* by Radiohead, released last weekend

EU close to deal with US on licensing of new drugs

FROM ALASDAIR MURRAY IN PARIS

THE European Union was on the verge last night of signing a deal with the United States that would make it easier for pharmaceutical companies to secure regulatory licences for their new products.

The Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) would provide a big boost to Britain's pharmaceutical groups such as Glaxo Wellcome and Zeneca by slashing the time spent on clinical tests of drugs and other medical products in both the US and Europe.

At present all pharmaceutical and medical products have to clear safety inspections in Europe and the US. But under the MRA, European inspectors would be able to decide whether products cleared both EU and American safety standards, ending the need for checks to made in the US as well. The US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has the most rigorous-testing in the world and it can take many years and millions of pounds to gain approval. The Association of the British Pharmaceuticals Industry said: "It would be of enormous benefit to the industry."

Sir Leon Brittan, the European Commissioner for Trade, spent yesterday trying to iron out last-minute problems with Charlene Barshefsky, his US counterpart, during the OECD ministerial meeting in Paris.

The EU and the US have already reached MRAs on telecommunication products and small electrical equipment. But concluding a deal on pharmaceuticals, one of the biggest sectors without an MRA, has proved difficult because of the reluctance of the FDA to give up its powers.

The Americans have expressed fears that a deal would result in a lowering of US consumer standards.

But Sir Leon made it clear yesterday that the deal was not a move towards the harmonisation of safety standards in Europe and the US. He also said that he had been "agreeably surprised" by the level of support from OECD member countries for a "millennium round" of international trade talks.

The EU has been keen to kick-start a new round of world trade talks to help to remove trade barriers in areas such as services, intellectual property and investment. Sir Leon added that he regarded the single-sector approach to trade talks as "exhausted" and hoped to press on with his plan for a major round of talks in 2000.

Lord Clinton-Davis, UK Minister for Trade, told the OECD on Monday that the British Government felt the "need for a comprehensive round of trade negotiations by the end of the century was overwhelming". The idea was supported by Germany, Mexico, Australia and France. But supporters of a "millennium round" still face considerable opposition from the United States, which is keen to continue the single-sector approach.

Taylor warns on EMU

BY MARTIN WALLER

MARTIN TAYLOR, chief executive of Barclays and the new head of the Government's task force to reform the tax and benefits system, called on currency speculators to "blow apart" any too hasty move to a common currency.

In an astonishing intervention in the European monetary union debate, Mr Taylor told an audience in St Gallen, Switzerland, that the economic troubles in Germany and the Left's gains in the first round of the French elections meant there was a much lower chance of economic and monetary union starting on time.

"More worryingly, there is a much higher chance of a bad EMU happening," he added.

Mr Taylor called on the 1999 starting date to be put back, saying there was a danger of politicians manipulating the single currency project to fit political considerations. A French government could come to power with a "fantasy agenda", while there was increasing distrust in Germany for EMU.

He said: "If governments against this background do try to fix the currencies it is the duty of currency speculators to blow them apart."

He added: "A confident, strong, statesmanlike postponement early will give a good chance of a healthy EMU in three, four or five years' time."

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Halifax £1bn unclaimed

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

NEARLY a twelth of shares in the Halifax, expected to be worth about £1.4 billion, remain unclaimed ahead of the former building society's float on Monday.

Halifax said that it will hold the unclaimed shares for three years before selling them at the market price. The proceeds will be kept for the missing shareholders for nine years.

However, Gary Marsh, Halifax assistant general manager, admitted that, at some point, the unclaimed millions would be added to the Halifax balance sheet. In 1992, Abbey National added £100 million-worth of unclaimed shares to its accounts.

A quarter of Halifax members have chosen to sell a total of 568 million shares on the first day of flotation.

The 1.9 million Halifax shareholders selling are a slightly smaller proportion than the 27 per cent of Alliance & Leicester shareholders who sold on the first day. The Halifax figure surprised some analysts, who believed that the big rise in A&L's share price since its stock market debut a month ago would lead more of Halifax's 7.6 million members to keep their shares. A&L shares have risen by nearly £1, and an A&L windfall of 250 is now worth more than £1,500.

IG Index, the financial bookmaker, said the Halifax share price forecast was up to between 705p and 715p.

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FTSE 100	4681.6	(+19.8)
Yield	3.50%	
FTSE All share	2223.91	(+7.21)
Nikkei	19889.89	(-153.61)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7347.56	(+1 65)*
S&P Composite	846.32	(-0.71)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5½%*	(5⁷⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	94²⁹⁄₃₂*	(95¹⁵⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.04%*	(6.99%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	6½%	(6½%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	112¾	(112¹⁵⁄₃₂)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.6293*	(1.6355)
London:		
$	1.6289	(1.6301)
DM	2.7710	(2.7559)
FFr	9.3475	(9.2857)
SFr	2.3097	(2.2942)
Yen	189.95	(188.13)
£ Index	98.6	(98.1)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.7005*	(1.6933)
FFr	5.7375*	(5.7085)
SFr	1.4167*	(1.4035)
Yen	116.55*	(115.57)
$ Index	102.7	(102.0)
Tokyo close Yen 116.02		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Aug)	$19.35	($20.00)
GOLD		
London close	$343.65	($343.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Davies fails to sign green Budget

BY ADAM JONES

GORDON BROWN need not raise taxes in his summer Budget, according a report from the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) and Goldman Sachs.

In spite of introducing the report, Gavyn Davies, chief international economist at Goldman, declined to be listed as one of the authors, the first such absence in at least four years. This led to suggestions that Mr Davies is keeping a low profile in anticipation of a job at the Bank of England.

In its green Budget analysis of the Chancellor's options, the IFS yesterday predicted a drop in the public sector borrowing requirement to a better than expected £14.3 billion in 1997-98. This could fall as low as £12.3 billion in the same year if Labour's windfall tax is implemented, it added.

Goldman Sachs played down the speculation surrounding Mr Davies' failure to sign the report yesterday.

The report expects an increased interest rate of between 7.25 and 7.5 per cent within a year, saying the fiscal tightening contained in Kenneth Clarke's last Budget reduced the need for new taxation.

It said the proposed windfall tax is unlikely to significantly increase consumer bills or decrease investment by utility companies: "Most of the burden will be borne by shareholders."

It also gave the proposed drop in the starting rate of income tax to 10 per cent a lukewarm reaction.

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Watchdog to launch inquiry into gas prices

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

CLAIRE Spottiswoode, *the gas regulator, is to* mount an investigation into a key element of gas pricing after a review *showed that prices* have been too volatile and have not always reflected supply and demand.

The inquiry comes after leaps in the price of gas available on the spot market, *which was* created when competition was introduced more than a year ago. Ms Spottiswoode, *the* Director-General of Gas Supply, is now looking at overhauling the system ready for the winter, when prices will again climb.

A *spokesman* for Ms Spottiswoode said: "There have been opportunities for people to *make* money playing the market and that wasn't the idea. The intention was simply that *demand* would be balanced by supply."

During cold periods the price of gas in the *trading mechanism* had jumped to 148p a therm against a general trading price of 10p a *therm* outside the balancing market. Uncommitted gas supplies are traded on the spot market and it is intended to balance the two.

Since its full operation last autumn the market has been awash with speculation that prices can be manipulated by BG and its rivals, such as Calortex or Eastern, withholding supplies. Ofgas said yesterday that there had been an incentive for gas companies not to balance their books daily — as was intended to smooth supply and purchase of gas — and that some would sell more when prices were high and keep it back when they were low. The watchdog's initial review of the spot market, known as the flexibility market, had shown that prices "do not necessarily reflect supply and demand conditions on the day. Arbitrary and/or volatile prices can result." The review was conducted in conjunction with Transco, part of BG, which operates the system.

The trading market, called the flexibility mechanism, was implemented as part of the network code — the wide-ranging system established to facilitate competition through Transco, the monopoly pipeline network.

Thomson sell-off could be delayed

From Adam Sage in Paris

THE privatisation of Thomson-CSF, the defence-electronics company, will be delayed if, as expected, the left-wing opposition wins France's parliamentary election.

But it is not expected to be stopped in spite of a commitment to cancel the sell-off, French market sources said yesterday.

When the left-wing opposition emerged from the first *round of the election on Sunday* with a clear lead over the *centre-right*, Thomson-CSF shares fell almost 10 per cent. However, they recovered yesterday as analysts argued that a new government could not afford to cancel the sell-off.

Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Party leader, has said he will stop plans to sell the company to either Alcatel-Alsthom or the Lagardère Group if he wins a majority in next Sunday's second round.

He reaffirmed his opposition to privatisations yesterday *when he said he would* also halt the sale of France Telecom, *which is due to earn* about Fr50 billion for the *French state.*

A socialist victory in the election would seem to be bad news for General Electric Company and British Aerospace, which have an interest in the sale of Thomson-CSF. BAe is backing Lagardère's bid with £300million and will pool Thomson's missile business with Matra BAe Dynamics if the offer is successful. Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa) also supports Lagardère.

GEC has said it has signed memoranda with both Alcatel *and Lagardère to combine its* defence electronics business *with whoever takes over* Thomson-CSF.

These plans would almost certainly be delayed if M Jospin becomes Prime Minister next week. After announcing his opposition to the privatisation of either Thomson-CSF or France Telecom, he could not press ahead with a sell-off in the short term.

But traders believe M Jospin could change his mind. They say that he will need funds if France is to meet the public deficit criteria for economic monetary union.

There have been signs that some leading Socialists are *prepared to countenance* privatisations, or at least the sale of *minority* stakes in nationalised industries.

As traders decided they had over-reacted to the result of the first round of the election, Thomson-CSF shares rose more than 2 per cent yesterday.

One said: "There were fears the privatisation programme would have to be stopped, but there is a growing realisation a Socialist-led government *will also have to sell shares.* The amounts involved are *considerable and they will* need it for their budget."

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Closer ties between OECD and Russia

From Alasdair Murray
in Paris

THE Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) yesterday moved to strengthen its links with Russia, but stopped well short of offering a clear date for membership.

Donald Johnston, secretary-general of the OECD, signed a liaison agreement with Yevgeny Primakov, the *Russian* Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the end *of the annual OECD ministerial* meeting in Paris yesterday.

The OECD said that the agreement would intensify its existing Declaration of Co-operation with Russia. Under the terms of the deal, the OECD has promised to help Russia to set up a fully-fledged market economy and to meet and sustain all the conditions for membership.

Under the agreement, *the OECD will hold two* high-level meetings with Russia each year, with one session conducted at ministerial level.

But many OECD member countries privately admitted that the deal was largely symbolic and Russia was a long way from joining the organisation.

Tony *Lloyd, Minister* of State at the Foreign and *Commonwealth Office*, said that Britain supported the idea of Russia joining the OECD, but that the criteria for membership should not be watered down.

He said that the agreement would encourage Russian reformers to continue liberalising the country's economy *and should* help it to eventually reach *the high standards* of membership.

Jenny Richards-Stewart and Ian Stewart aim to hire more programers for Gremlin

Couple to share £22m in Gremlin flotation

By Fraser Nelson

IAN STEWART and Jenny *Richards-Stewart, a husband* and wife team who sold their *house to* buy Gremlin, are set to share a paper fortune of around £22 million when the computer games maker comes to market next month.

The couple, who paid £400,000 to take control of Gremlin eight years ago, will cash in £6 million from the float, reducing their stake to 40 per cent. The company is also raising up to £15 million to speed up its games output.

Mr Stewart founded Gremlin in 1983 after working for *Laskys, the now defunct hi-fi* retailing chain, which was the first high street store to stock home computers when the Sinclair ZX81 came on the market.

After identifying a market for computer games, he set up Just Micro as a standalone software store the next year. He joined forces with Geoff Brown, his wife's employer, and developed the company into a software publishing house, buying out Mr Brown's stake in 1989.

Gremlin now releases about seven computer programs a year, and hopes to lift production to 16 games a year, after the fundraising, by employing more programers and making *acquisitions. It increased its* software design team from 120 *to 220 two months ago after* buying DMA, a Scottish software house that works for Nintendo.

Gremlin last year made profit of £2.81 million (£1.13 million) on sales of £11.3 million (£7.54 million). Its shares are due to begin trading in mid-June.

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Germany to outlaw bribery of officials

From Deborah Collcutt in Frankfurt

GUENTHER Rexrodt, the German Economics Minister, last night signed a treaty designed to end his country's reign as one of Europe's most corrupt nations.

Germany has not only allowed the widespread bribing of foreign officials by domestic firms, but encouraged companies to offset these costs against tax — without naming the recipient, of *course. But Germany's fellow* industrial nations in the OECD, *particularly the* United States, started to demand new legislation to criminalise the bribery of state officials worldwide.

The deal is believed to be a compromise between the US on one side and Germany and France — which has adopted the same policy as Bonn until now — on the other.

Germany and France had tried to block the treaty during months of discussion, insisting that there should be further discussion on a more uniform legislation against corruption, but agreement was *finally* reached yesterday.

Herr Rexrodt said: "The *bribing of state officials will* become a criminal offence. When it's criminalised, then it's punishable and therefore not a tax advantage anymore."

Bowe could seek new SIB role

By Sara McConnell

COLETTE BOWE, *head of* the Personal Investment Authority, yesterday refused to rule herself out of the running for the post of chief executive of the new enlarged Securities and Investments Board announced last week.

Under the proposals, all existing banking and financial services regulators will be merged into one "super SIB" under the chairmanship of Howard *Davies*, currently Deputy Governor of the Bank *of England. Chief executive* posts at existing regulators will disappear.

Ms Bowe has been repeatedly named as a possible contender for the job of chief executive of an expanded SIB, although her record as a regulator is perceived to have been tarnished by the pensions mis-selling scandal. Other contenders include Andrew Winckler, chief executive of the existing SIB, Philip Thorpe, chief executive of the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, and Richard Farrant, chief executive of the Securities and Futures Authority.

Ms Bowe would like a one-stop complaints system for individual investors and a faster, more accessible compensation scheme when firms collapse.

British boost for Nissan

By George Sivell

NISSAN, the Japanese carmaker, doubled British profits last year thanks to an efficiency drive and a rise in production — from 215,000 to 231,000 cars — at its plant in Sunderland.

Pre-tax profits rose from £10.2 million in 1995 to £21.1 *million in the year to December* 1996. After tax profits rose *from £10.4 million to £18.2* million, in spite of the launch *costs of the new Primera.*

A four-year efficiency drive improved productivity by 10 per cent a year for the first three years of operation, and still produced a further 5 per cent improvement in its final year last year. Nissan expects to make 250,000 cars at Sunderland this year.

The British improvement helped the Nissan group to get *back into the black for the first* time in five years. Group net *profit reached 77.74 billion yen (£409 million)* in the year to end-March, a turnaround from the previous year's loss of 88.42 billion yen.

As with other Japanese carmakers, the weaker yen helped Nissan but *analysts* believe this year's profits will hinge on the performance of the yen. Nissan expects to make group net profit of more *than 100 billion* yen for the current year, which ends in March 1998.

April rush swells Pep funds

By Gavin Lumsden

INVESTORS *rushing to beat* the tax-year deadline helped to push sales of unit trust-based personal equity plans (Peps) to £1.6 billion in April, latest figures show, beating the previous record, set in April 1996, by 44 per cent.

Half of the sales occurred in the first five days of the month alone, forcing Pep providers *to book staff into hotels* and open up at the weekend to *cope with the demand. In all,* an *extra* 300,000 *people took* advantage of Pep exemptions from income and *capital* gains taxes, the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) said yesterday.

Anne McMeehan, of Autif, said the rise had been "truly impressive". Market jitters in March had concentrated investors' minds on the equity markets, while impending share windfalls from converting building societies had added a "frisson". In the past 12 months assets held by unit trust Peps have grown by nearly £9 billion to £30 billion.

Increased sales of funds which track indices, *such as* the FT-SE 100, pushed overall direct sales to £443 million. Sales by independent financial advisers and company sales forces were neck and neck at just under £570 million each.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Swiss chocolate firm eyes a London listing

KLAUS J JACOBS HOLDING'S Barry Callebaut, the chocolate product manufacturer based in Zurich, said in London yesterday *that* it expects to launch its planned initial public offering in early 1998 and tested the water over the possibility *of listing the shares* in the UK. Barry Callebaut was formed after the operational merger last February of Klaus J *Jacobs* Holding's Callebaut and the French Barry group.

Claus Jacobs, chairman, *said that he* expects the offering to be "relatively small", at about 10 or 20 per cent of market capitalisation. "*We are not planning to swamp* the market, and therefore will keep the offering relatively small," he said. "The public *should* be given time to learn to deal with the stock." Mr Jacobs said that the newly merged group has yet to choose *a venue for the placing.* He emphasised that the company was "truly *Swiss*", but indicated that Britain *is a serious possibility.*

Beckett woos Toyota

MARGARET BECKETT, President of the Board of Trade, *who is visiting* Japan, yesterday urged Toyota to choose Britain for the site of its new European plant to build a subcompact car. Mrs Beckett made a strong pitch for the new investment planned by Japan's biggest carmaker at a meeting with Kosuke Yamamoto, Toyota's senior vice-president. She said that her task in Japan was to allay Japanese concerns about Britain's relationship with the rest of Europe, and especially its stance on European monetary union.

OMI back in black

OMI International, the engineering group, has returned to the black with a *£1 million pre-tax profit for the year to March* 31 after a £14 million loss last time. Earnings reached 1.5p a *share (19.4p loss) and a return to the dividend list is proposed,* with a 0.1p a share final. Sales remained at about £43 *million.* Richard Duggan, executive chairman, said: "This year we have been particularly successful in getting the fundamentals of our business right and the group is now in a much better position to exploit the opportunities open to it."

Lavelle moves to Oasis

OASIS STORES, the fashion retailer, has confirmed that Dominic Lavelle, who was finance director for the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe at Laura Ashley, is joining as finance director. Mr Lavelle is replacing David Sarson, who has been with Oasis Stores since its controversial buyout in 1991 but had wanted to stay in Oxford when the company moved its headquarters to London. *Shares in Laura Ashley fell* sharply when Mr Lavelle's departure was revealed last week.

Trusts are defended

ANGUS GROSSART, *the Scottish merchant banker*, has defended international investment trusts against criticism of *their vulnerability to the strong pound.* Mr *Grossart* is chairman of the Scottish Investment Trust, an international fund whose net asset value grew by 8.3 per cent, to 348.7p per ordinary unit, in the six months to April 30. The UK index rose by 9.9 per cent in the period and the world index by 6.2 per cent. Mr Grossart said international trusts were excellent long-term holds. An interim dividend of 2.06p (1.96p) is due on July 18.

CAT incurs £6.4m loss

CAMBRIDGE ANTIBODY TECHNOLOGY, the drug development company floated two months ago, has reported a loss for the half year to March 31 of £6.4 million, nearly £3 million of it from writing off intellectual property because of issuing shares to the Medical Research Council. CAT *is* at an earlier stage of work than many quoted biotechnology companies and does not expect to *start* clinical *trials* until late this year. After raising £41.2 million at flotation, it ended its half with £48.2 million cash.

Alexandra chief to retire

JOHN PRIOR, *chief executive and former chairman of* Alexandra Workwear, is to retire after 27 *years* with the textile company. Mr Prior, 55 in June, *will leave at the end of* August. Alexandra, which he joined as a company accountant, is to decrease the amount of UK *production this* summer in favour of cheaper overseas plant, involving the closure of one factory in Coatbridge, Strathclyde, and the establishment of operations in Morocco.

Care UK advances

CARE UK, which specialises in care for the elderly under contract to health authorities, raised interim pre-tax profits 16 per cent to £1.92 million. Sales rose 26 per cent to £12.43 million in the six months to March 31. Earnings rose 21 per cent to 3.81p, out of which an interim dividend *of 0.40p, up 21 per cent*, is proposed. Richard Clough, chief executive, said NHS modernisation would increase demand for Care UK's *specialist services.*

BTR gears up with US takeover

By Our City Staff

BTR's power drives unit has agreed to acquire ECM Mo*tor Co of America* for an undisclosed sum and expects to *complete the deal* by tomorrow. Net assets involved *in the deal total* $21 million.

ECM *is based in Elkhorn,* Wisconsin, and manufactures sub-fractional and *fractional* horsepower gearmotors and related electric *motors. In* 1996, the company had sales of $46 million.

Welcoming the deal, Paul Buysse, the BTR executive director responsible for BTR power drives, said: "The acquisition of ECM broadens the BTR power drives group and enables *it* to provide the widest spectrum of gearmotors within the industry.

"With its worldwide reach, BTR power drives sees good opportunities to develop new customers for ECM's products in world markets, with particularly good scope for industrial applications in emerging markets."

In the stock market, however, shares in BTR were marked down again yesterday. *By the close of trading* the share price stood 8p lower at 209p.

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Cyprus Cypf	0.866	0.798
Denmark Kr	11.09	10.25
Finland Mkk	8.85	8.18
France Fr	9.77	9.04
Germany Dm	2.92	2.70
Greece Dr	468	431
Hong Kong $	13.33	12.20
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Israel Shk	5.85	5.20
Italy Lira	2894	2693
Japan Yen	204.00	187.80
Malta	0.655	0.599
Netherlands Gld	3.294	3.037
New Zealand $	2.51	2.28
Norway Kr	12.09	11.22
Portugal Esc	291.50	270.50
S Africa Rd	7.97	7.08
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EMI's record under scrutiny

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

It was rocking and rolling time at EMI yesterday. The share price rocked and the heads rolled as the company revealed a slump in profits. But one head which escaped the corporate guillotine was that of "Lucky" Jim Fifield, the man who, as head of EMI Music, might be assumed to have some responsibility for the company's failure to stay sufficiently in tune with its marketplace.

Fifield is highly valued by EMI: to the extent of £7.4 million in 1995-96. Shareholders will be watching out to see just what his package totted up to in the last year, when EMI's music sales fell by 8 per cent.

Companies' enthusiasm for performance-related pay has a tendency to grow in direct proportion to the rewards it may produce. The increasingly popular trend of linking bonus schemes to results over several years should rule out some of the more blatant abuses but can produce bumper payouts for directors in years of relative famine for shareholders. While the payments may be justified, they do not convey a winning message when seen in the columns of an annual report, less still those of a mean-minded newspaper.

No doubt Mr Fifield deserves his money. It cannot be much fun knowing that you are dependent on the Spice Girls for drumming up an important slug of your profits or that the future may rest with international reactions to an unappetising bunch by the name of Radiohead.

But while the music business is horribly fickle and success requires a heavy dose of luck as much as clever talent spotting, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that EMI's management has not been of the sharpest. The talk is that the redundancies and closures in the United States could produce annual savings of up to £40 million. That is a huge overhead to be able to dispense with after already claiming to have undertaken some necessary housekeeping changes. Those US executives had obviously been too busy nurturing bands with exceedingly limited appeal to notice how much money they were spending, but someone should have spotted that the success and expenditure graphs were not converging.

Chairman Sir Colin Southgate is parachuting in Ken Berry from London to sort out the problems in the US, leaving some analysts to speculate quite what the role of the well-remunerated Mr Fifield will be now.

Shareholders are at least promised a share buy-back as a comforter. By investing in that direction, the company at least provides reassurance that it will not be tempted into making some dangerously expensive acquisition.

And there is always the tantalising option that EMI itself will be the subject of a bid. Its back catalogue has huge appeal internationally, even if current stars have shorter shelf lives. While Sir Colin insists that talks with Seagram were not "serious", the full lyrics insist that its not serious until its serious.

Prepare for mother of telecoms battles

Sir Iain Vallance, British Telecom's chairman, can forget about easing into retirement. Suddenly BT is being attacked from every angle and the one deal that was designed to launch the company into the international big leagues seems inadequate even before the contracts have been exchanged.

The pressures began to mount last year when Cable and Wireless recruited a gung-ho chief executive from America, who decided that BT could stand to lose more market share. C&W melded Mercury Communications with three cable companies to create Cable and Wireless Communications. While the new company is unproven, it certainly has the potential to use its high-capacity network to bump BT off the information superhighway.

Sir Iain, of course, could not complain. The only way to greet competition without upsetting the regulator is to give a public smile of welcome. The next threat was worth screaming about. There is a good chance that Labour will deem BT a utility and hit it with the windfall tax. Sir Iain's threat to fight the tax in the European courts could tie up BT for years while ensuring that it is not on the chummiest of terms with the Government.

Now we learn that AT&T and SBC, America's largest regional phone company, are working on a $50 billion merger that would reshape the global telecoms map. Their merger reinforces BT's strategy of entering the US market through the proposed $20 billion purchase of MCI, the second-largest long-distance carrier, but raises the question whether MCI is enough. In one fell swoop, SBC would give AT&T an enormous regional network whose traffic would ensure that AT&T's own long-distance and international networks are filled to capacity.

BT wants to buy MCI partly because MCI is developing a regional business that could be used to the same effect. But MCI, hampered by the complexities of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, is moving slowly. If BT and MCI want to penetrate the regional market in a hurry, a strategy that AT&T appears to have chosen, they will have little choice but to buy or form a partnership with a regional player. A deal with GTE, one of America's largest providers of local sevices, is being touted as BT's most logical next move. Sir Iain should prepare for major campaigns on the home and international fronts. His battles with Oftel, the regulator, will seem quaint in comparison.

Grand design for UK — by Conran

Sir Terence Conran is about to join the ranks of businessmen recruited to help the Government in its quest for "partnership" with business. The restaurateur, who made a highly public declaration of his voting intentions by appearing in a Labour party political broadcast, seems set to become design guru to the nation as well as caterer to the chattering classes.

His brief could stretch across government departments, reaching from Trade and Industry to Heritage. What Lord Simon will do for competition, Sir Terence could do for design.

He has long complained that Britain fails to appreciate the merits of good design, and there is certainly scope for beefing up the work of the Design Council.

But if the Government is to make the most of having people like Simon and Conran working on its behalf, it must ease the way in which these newcomers can negotiate the essential machinery of Whitehall. Hours spent in debate will do little to improve competitiveness of British design, whereas sending Sir Terence out to talk direct to companies could produce rapid results.

Yet there remains an element of subjectivity in what constitutes good design. When Sir Terence, in his days as Storehouse boss, took over Mothercare, he declared that all those ghastly rabbit motives were to be removed from the merchandise immediately. His edict was carried out and the customers made clear their displeasure. In babywear, bunnies were what sold.

Weighty warning

☐ MARTIN TAYLOR, another recent recruit for the Government, has already performed an act of huge public service. His words of warning about the dangers of rushing into EMU ring loud with sanity. And because of his recently acquired quangoid status, they carry twice the weight they would have if they were merely being uttered by the chief executive of a major clearing bank.

Schroder raises $1bn European buyout fund

By Paul Durman

SCHRODER Ventures has raised a $1 billion fund to invest in European buyout deals, with North American investors putting up almost half the money.

The firm, part of the Schroder investment banking group, claims that its new fund is the biggest buyout fund ever raised in Europe. It will be able to back deals of up to $500 million before having to bring in other equity backers.

Peter Smitham, chairman of Schroder Ventures Europe, expects to invest much of the money in outsourcing deals, smaller privatisations and peripheral businesses being sold by big corporations. The money will be invested in the UK, Germany, France, Italy and Spain, at a probable rate of $200 million a year.

Mr Smitham said that he was very pleased that the $1 billion has been raised from only 34 investors. He said: "Each investor has made a major commitment, with an average of $30 million. That says a lot about the quality of the relationships."

The American backers are headed by Calpers, the Californian pension fund that manages more than $100 billion, and Metropolitan Life, the US insurance company. The World Bank pension fund and the General Motors pension fund are also investors.

Deregulation in The Netherlands has let Schroder Ventures secure substantial backing from Dutch pension funds. In all, 49 per cent of funding is coming from North America, 26 per cent from the UK, 22 per cent from continental Europe and 3 per cent from Japan.

Schroder Ventures said that it will be able to invest up to $150 million in a single transaction. With borrowing, this means that it could finance purchases of up to $500 million before having to seek equity investment partners.

Mr Smitham said that few companies or state organisations in continental Europe had begun outsourcing services such as catering and cleaning. "There are many, many opportunities in this area," he said. "German companies tend to do everything themselves."

Schroder Ventures will also look to participate in smaller privatisations that will not attract political controversy.

Mr Smitham said that German companies are increasingly accepting the wisdom of concentrating on core businesses, and are selling off other activities.

Schroder Ventures has 55 investment professional in Europe, with offices in London, Paris, Frankfurt, Milan and Madrid. It aims to lead the deals it backs, and to secure board representation and majority ownership, and says that it will focus on difficult deals, such as turnrounds and those involving specialised industries.

Peter Smitham has targets on the Continent

Sega and Bandai call off £3bn merger

By Jason Nissé

THE £3 billion merger between Sega, the computer games maker, and Bandai, which was responsible for the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, has been called off.

The surprise move came late yesterdayin Tokyo, only a day before the two were supposed to give details of a merger that was announced in February. Sega said: "Bandai requested a cancellation of the merger and offered a business alliance instead, which we accepted."

The merger was supposed to help the ailing fortunes of Sega, whose Saturn 32-bit games consol has lost out heavily to Song's PlayStation and Nintendo's Ultra-64.

Mikio Ishigami, Bandai's managing director, said on Monday that employees at the toymaker were extremely nervous about the change of environment, but he was confident that they would come on board once the blueprint for the merged company became clear.

Analysts said the cancellation announcement would be negative for the two firms.

Yasuo Imanaka, an analyst at Okasan Economic Research Institute, said: "Both companies had repeatedly said that there would be no future without a merger. The cancellation would be taken as negative, especially for Bandai. Bandai cannot expect much business expansion with its current domestic operations alone."

Indebted Wakebourne calls in administrator

By Fraser Nelson

WAKEBOURNE, the computer services group backed by Luke Johnson, the Pizza Express entrepreneur, three years ago, has fallen into insolvency with debts of £10 million.

The company, whose shares have plunged from 320p to 10½p since Mr Johnson backed its reversal into the troubled Maddox Group, has called in Ernst & Young as administrator and now hopes to attract a bidder.

Leslie Warman, chairman, said this month that Wakebourne was in talks with a possible suitor who was valuing it "substantially below the current share price".

However, Jason Elles, partner in Ernst & Young, said that those talks have since collapsed and that the best that the company could now hope for was finding bidders for part of its remaining assets. He said: "They got close to an offer in one or two instances, but people shied away. Their problem is that the company has always had an overhang of debt. Their strategy to get out of it was to build up the sales, but that turned out to be much slower than they anticipated."

Mr Warman said last summer that the company had "grounds for cautious optimism", but he gave warning four months later that second-half profits would be hit by erosion of its contract base. He had planned to overcome this through a £2.4 million overhaul of writedowns and disposals, but the company ran into a cash crisis and its shares were suspended two weeks ago.

Mr Johnson, who counts Wakebourne as one of his few failures, no longer has any shares in the company.

Johnson: former backer

H&C chief to step down

By Our City Staff

GEORGE PAUL, chairman of Harrisons & Crosfield, the industrial group, is to step down after 12 years with the company, first as chief executive and latterly as chairman.

Mr Paul told yesterday's annual meeting: "I shall step down from the board once a new chairman, recruited from outside the group, has been appointed. We anticipate that this will be towards the end of the summer."

On prospects, he said: "Our experience so far this year has been broadly as we anticipated when we announced our preliminary results in March. For the four months to April 1997, compared with the same period last year, food and agriculture operating profits are down sharply, timber and building supplies are well up and chemical and industrial are virtually unchanged."

Mr Paul said that Bill Turcan, chief executive, his new executive team and financial advisers were "evaluating a range of options to maximise the group's future growth prospects and to enhance value for shareholders".

The shares rose 1p, to 109p.

East Midlands Electricity chief takes up US post

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

THE chief executive of East Midlands Electricity is leaving the UK to head the main subsidiary of the US group that bought the regional electricity company last year.

Norman Askew will become president and chief executive officer of Virginia Power in August, amid speculation that he will go on to lead Dominion Resources, owner of East Midlands.

Mr Askew will go to Virginia Power in August and hand over the reins of East Midlands to Bob Davies, the current finance director. Mr Askew will be second to Tom Capps, the chairman of Dominion Resources. When Dominion bought East Midlands last year, Mr Capps said that a big part of the attraction had been the expertise of its managers.

Mr Askew, who is largely credited for turning around the fortunes of East Midlands, will move to Virginia as competition starts to move through the US market.

Mr Askew joined East Midlands in 1992 from the TI Group, where he had been president and managing director of TI Aerospace, heading the operations in the US, Canada, France and the UK.

Askew: credited with success

Scrapping Miras will hit low paid

By Marianne Curphey

SCRAPPING relief on mortgage interest would add 1.25 per cent to a standard loan and hit five million homebuyers on lower incomes, lenders said yesterday.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders is concerned that the loss of the relief, known as Miras, will act as a brake on the booming housing market. The organistion has written to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, before the forthcoming Budget urging him not to scrap or reduce tax relief on domestic mortgages.

Relief is currently given at 15 per cent on mortgages up to £30,000. The council says that if Miras were abolished it would effectively increase mortgage rates from an average 7 per cent to 8.25 per cent for low income families.

The council said yesterday that abolishing or cutting Miras would hurt most first-time buyers and those on incomes of less than £20,000.

Farmers in co-op key to creation of Irish dairy giant

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

THE fate of Avonmore Foods' latest Ir£337 million bid for Waterford lies with 5,500 farmer members of Waterford Co-op. Together they hold a 68 per cent stake in the publicly quoted Waterford Foods, which formally approved the revised merger bid from Avonmore Foods on Monday.

This was followed by a Waterford Co-op board meeting, which also approved the creation of Ireland's biggest dairy company.

The merger will have to get the support of 75 per cent of co-op members at two extraordinary general meetings in the next two weeks.

Yesterday the chairmen of both Waterford and Avonmore Co-ops and the chief executive of the respective publicly quoted companies said they were confident the package will be approved. Previous merger deals involving co-ops from other parts of the country have managed to get up to 90 per cent approval.

If the deal goes ahead, the new merged entity will have an annual turnover approaching Ir£2.5 billion. It will process a milk pool of one million gallons, stretching from Wisconsin in the US to Britain and the Republic of Ireland, making it the world's fourth-largest dairy company. It will control more than 70 per cent of the liquid milk market in Dublin.

The new deal involves the exchange of 29 Avonmore shares for 50 Waterford shares, valuing the target share at 142p. Before the merger proposal, Waterford shares were trading at around 75p. The total value of the offer is Ir£337 million. The new offer also gives both co-ops equal representation on the board of the merged co-op, which will retain 55 per cent stake in the merged plc.

Ethical investment in Ireland

ETHICAL Holdings, the Nasdaq-listed pharmaceutical group, hopes to secure better profit margins on its products after the £14 million acquisition of Clonmel, an Irish manufacturer of generic drugs (Paul Durman writes).

Dr Geoffrey Guy, Ethical's chairman and chief executive, said contract manufacturers make more money from Ethical's products than the company itself.

Ethical's relationship with Clonmel, which lost Ir£78,000 last year on sales of Ir£12.2 million, extends back to the 1980s, when Dan Tierney, the Irish firm's chairman and controlling shareholder, was chairman of Ethical.

Ethical, which plans to join the London stock market in July, includes hormone replacement therapies among its principal products.

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STOCK MARKET **MICHAEL CLARK**

Sheffield and Southampton suffer relegation of shares

Graeme Souness, who has quit Southampton, down 11p

SPORTING investors were forced to take an early bath after events over the bank holiday weekend reinforced the view of many cynics that football clubs do not make good investments.

Sheffield United tumbled 20p to 45p after being condemned to another season away from the lucrative Premiership after losing to Crystal Palace in a dramatic play-off at Wembley. Brokers say the failure to gain promotion to the Premiership will cost the club around £6 million in lost television revenue and possible promotions.

It also means Sheffield United will lose part of a bonus scheme included when it came to market via a reverse takeover by Conrad in December. If it can win promotion by the year 2001, it may receive a cash bonus of between £2 million and £5 million.

The departures over the weekend of Graeme Souness, manager, and Lawrie McMenemy, director of football, at **Southampton** came as a bolt out of the blue and sent shares in the struggling Premiership side sliding 11p to 90½p. Southampton has managed to cling on to its Premiership place, but the shares now trade at a discount to their launch price earlier this year.

The rest of the equity market continued to be underpinned by the strength of the financial sector, where the scramble to increase institutional weightings ahead of the Halifax and Norwich Union floats was again driving share prices sharply higher.

Even so, prices closed below their best of the day, partly reflecting early falls among government securities. The FT-SE 100, almost 31 points higher at one stage, saw its lead cut to 19.8 at 4,681.6. Turnover of 607 million shares was on the low side.

Those leading the way higher among the banks were **HSBC**, 40½p to £18.84½, **Barclays**, 32½p to £12.71, **Abbey National**, 12p to 944½p, **Lloyds TSB**, 18½p to 636½p and **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 16p to 628½p.

News on Monday of Roche's $11 billion purchase of Boehringer Mannheim Group, the German diagnostics specialist, prompted an early markdown of **Zeneca**. The price touched £18.47½ before rebounding, with the help of a "buy" recommendation from BZW, to close just 2p easier at £18.76½. It had been hoped that Roche would bid for Zeneca and that saw the latter's price fall just short of the £20 mark last week. All the hot money, it seems, is now riding on a bid from **SmithKline Beecham**, 21½p dearer at £10.65½.

Boots rose 12p to 725p on weekend reports that the group is prepared to spend a further £400 million on a share buyback operation. But **National Power** eased 3p to 536p after Merrill Lynch, the broker, downgraded its profit numbers.

The market gave a lukewarm reception to full-year figures from **EMI Group**, down 48½p at £11.72½, with brokers expected to downgrade their numbers for the current year. The music publisher plans to return 10 per cent of capital to shareholders.

The decision by far eastern airlines to ground Airbus A330 aircraft because of problems with the Trent 700 engine left **Rolls-Royce** 8p lower at 242½p. Brokers said the problem centres on the gearbox, which is supplied by a German contractor.

Psion was one of the best performing shares among the FT-SE 250, with a rise of 18p to 474p. This follows reports from Canada that the group is on the verge of launching a new powerful hand-held computer.

Terms of an increased offer from **Avonmore Foods** lifted **Waterford Foods**, its rival, 25p to 120p. Avonmore's new terms are worth 142p, or Ir£337 million. That compares with the original offer made on April 14, of Ir£281 million. Avonmore responded with a rise of 7p at 225p.

Over on Ofex, **Global Communications**, the education and information technology specialist, which came to market at 5p, slipped ½p to 18p. Brokers like Gilbert Elliott are forecasting profits of £8 million, which would give 10p of earnings, and reckons the shares are cheap.

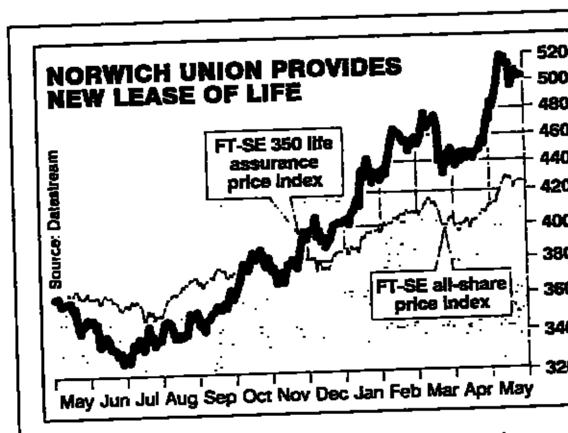
OMI International was unmoved at 20p after a return to the black. Last year the group made a profit of £1 million compared with a deficit the previous year of £20 million.

A cautious statement on current trading left **SEC Group** 6½cheaper at 149p after a near doubling of profits to £1.9 million.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** An early mark-down was prompted by the first-round result in the French elections that showed a swing to the Left. But prices soon gathered their composure and even shrugged off the strongest US consumer confidence survey for 28 years to close at their best, with losses of just a few ticks on the day.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt rallied to close just three ticks off at £112$^{3}/_{16}$ as the total number of contracts completed reached 74,000. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was also three ticks lighter at £107⅛, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was all-square at £103.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares were moving off session lows by midday as bonds steadied and the technology sector gained strength. The Dow Jones industrial average was 1.65 points higher at 7,347.56.



THE imminent flotation of Norwich Union is expected to provide the same boost to the life insurance sector that Alliance & Leicester did to the banks. The need for fund managers to increase their weightings to take account of the Norwich float will prompt a scramble that will squeeze prices sharply higher.

As Robin Savage, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, reports, there has already been strong support with Legal & General, up 18p at 481p, and the Prudential Corporation, 1p up at 641½p. "As it stands, all the institutions are underweight in the sector. They will find it very difficult to get the number of Norwich shares they would like."

But that is unlikely to deter fund managers who are expected to press ahead knowing that demand will far outweigh supply.

Savage adds: "On fundamentals, the life assurance sector should be going easier. If it were not for Norwich Union, Laing would be going underweight."

Running against the trend, Sun Life & Provincial fell 8½p to 314½p on talk of a bid for Equity & Law.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	7347.56 (+1.65)
S&P Composite	846.32 (-0.71)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19889.89 (-153.61)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	14540.16 (-34.48)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	806.13 (-6.06)
Sydney:	
AO	2578.9 (-5.9)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	3674.36 (+16.50)
Singapore:	
Straits	2076.01 (+19.69)
Brussels:	
General	12938.56 (-12.38)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2680.34 (+25.60)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	1080.40 (+1.10)
London:	
FT 30	3002.7 (-0.3)
FTSE 100	4681.6 (+19.8)
FTSE 250	4508.0 (+1.3)
FTSE 350	2265.6 (+7.9)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2370.09 (+2.91)
FTSE All-Share	2223.91 (+7.21)
FTSE Non Financials	2228.94 (+0.84)
FTSE Fixed Interest	120.35 (-0.17)
FTSE Govt Secs	95.87 (-0.04)
Bargains	46074
SEAQ Volume	607.5m
US$	1.6288 (-0.0012)
German Mark	2.7714 (+0.0157)
Exchange Index	98.6 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4175
£:SDR	1.1697
RPI	156.3 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	155.8 Apr (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Alliance & Leicester	627½	- 10½
Aston Villa	825	...
Cable & Wireless	261½	...
Caradon B	101	- 1
Downing Hlth (100)	100	...
Eagles	34½	+ 1
Heart of Midlothian	112½	- 2½
ITG Group	160	...
Integrated As Mgt	105	...
Lady in Leisure	124½	+ 1
Longbridge Intl	119½	...
NMT (50)	50½	...
Newmark Tech	13	...
Pennine AIM (100)	100	...
Petra Diamonds	69½	+ 5
Petra Diamonds Wts	49½	+ 4
Qualceram (143)	155½	...
Salehurst	122½	...
Soccer Investments	107½	...
South Beach Cafe (6)	6¼	...
Versalite Group	3½	- ¼

RIGHTS ISSUES

Barlows n/p (525)	1	...
Bolton Gp (Intl) n/p (8)	½	...
Enterprise n/p (196)	56½	+ ½
Oxford Micic(360)	7½	- 2½
Rackwood Mnrl(50)	1¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Ivory Sime	231p (+15½p)
J&J Dyson	231½p (+13p)
Psion	474p (+18p)
Lloyds TSB	636½p (+18½p)
Boots	725p (+12p)
Land Sec	903p (+15p)
Legal & Gen	481p (+18p)
Blacks Leisure	549p (+14½p)
Ranger	654p (+13p)
Logica	850p (+14½p)

FALLS:

Sheffield United	45p (-20p)
Whitbread	802½p (-10p)
Andrew Sykes	630p (-10p)
Rarik Gp	437½p (-7p)
Celltech	334p (-13½p)
J Sainsbury	352p (-7½p)
British Airways	711p (-14½p)
Avon Rubber	645p (-12½p)

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TEMPUS

A dull yellow metal

GOLD has been such a disastrous investment that it is difficult to imagine how it could get worse. Since February last year when the price peaked at $414 per ounce it has been in virtual free fall, currently $344 per ounce. The sentimental might have you believe that the price will soon rocket back to the $400 level, but there are powerful reasons why they are likely to be wrong. A fundamental change is occurring that could finally transform gold from investment to mere commodity.

Figures from the World Gold Council suggest the outlook is rosy, with record demand and a surge in the important jewellery markets of the Middle East and India. Why then is the price looking so fragile? The problem is twofold: demand for gold jewellery is price elastic, the cheaper it is the more people buy, but rising prices kill off demand. The larger issue is the behaviour of central banks. These have become disenchanted with gold as a defensive investment and many expect that the consolidation of gold reserves in the European central bank will lead to selling of residual deposits in national central banks. Meanwhile, Swiss banks are expected to sell gold to finance the solidarity fund for war victims of the Nazis.

If rising gold output were a problem, the collapse of the Bre-X mine bubble would have sparked a strong rally. Instead, the price drifts and there are fears it could reach the cost of production, about $300 an ounce. Gold has lost its status as an inflation hedge in a world where inflation is enemy number one. Logically, its future should be driven by the core market, jewellery consumption. As a store of value, its days are over.

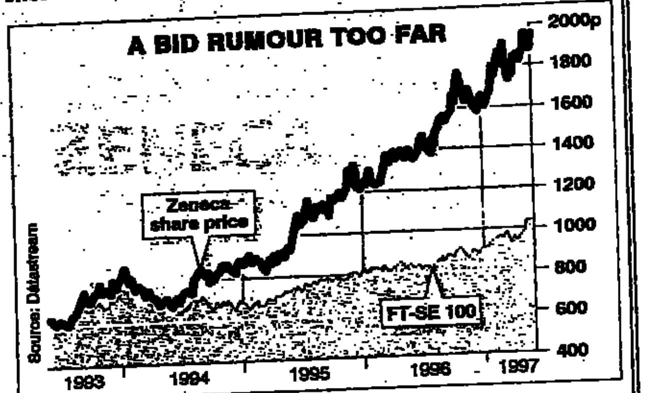
Zeneca

RUMOURED bids for Zeneca, generally with Roche cast as predator, have brightened many a dull day in the stock market. Curious, then, that Zeneca's shares so easily shrugged off Roche's $11 billion takeover of Boehringer Mannheim. Assuming that Roche has no further appetite for megabids, Zeneca's rating looks aggressive.

The company has plenty of new products that should ensure it meets its five-year target of delivering average earnings growth of 15 per cent a year. However, the market is convinced that pharmaceutical giants will consolidate further — a behemoth such as Glaxo Wellcome has only a 5 per cent market share.

The problem is that a bid for Zeneca, or one of its peers, could financially damage the bidding company. Most of the £20 billion price of Zeneca would have to be written off, or amortised, as goodwill.

Just as importantly, the cost savings from merging research and other operations may be difficult to achieve, produce only a short-term boost to earnings, and carry the risk of serious disruption. The problems that have attended the birth of Pharmacia & Upjohn are said to stem from the clash of Scandinavian and American cultures. Little wonder, then, that Glaxo Wellcome's enthusiasm for big deals appears to have cooled. So too, should the heat in Zeneca's share price.



BAe

BRITISH AEROSPACE shares have performed poorly since the election and investors in the defence sector should be feeling a touch nervous. The Government wants to wrap its policy on arms exports in a human rights envelope. There are two possible consequences: either the ethical envelope smothers arms exports or the pressure to secure sales and jobs causes the Government to tear up the human rights packaging.

Aside from human rights, big defence contractors have little to fear: the new Government is committed to the Eurofighter and recognises the importance of £5 billion of defence exports. Moreover, defence is a capital intensive industry that creates high technology jobs, the sort Labour loves.

On the domestic front, the UK defence industry has endured a huge cut in its share of the national cake from 4 per cent of GDP in 1990 to 2.9 per cent last year. Labour might cut it further, but the proportion of spending is now equivalent to France, possibly an important benchmark. Export policy is the bigger risk as the Government will need to show a scalp to demonstrate the serious intent of its human rights policy. Even if it chooses a minor offender to whip, it will send a message to weapons customers that Britain is no longer the wheeling and dealing haven it once was. Rather than undergo a human rights audit, the foreign customers of BAe or Vickers will shop in France or the US. Investors, too, could look elsewhere.

Gremlin

A NOVELTY is on its way to the stock market. Behold Gremlin Group, a software stock that has actually been profitable for each and every one of the past eight years.

Its secret is good housekeeping, a rare virtue in this industry. Keeping to its budget, Gremlin has not ploughed its cash into a dreamteam working on a one-shot wondergame. Such a policy precludes the chance of windfall profits, but Gremlin has never lost money on a game. It will balance profits from new releases with profits from follow-ups, leaving as little to chance as possible.

The problem could be finding software investors who agree with its philosophy. The sector is one of the most fashion-driven in the market: a female character from Eidos's *Tomb Raider* game is the cover girl on the current issue of *The Face* — a style magazine. Her face has become Eidos's fortune.

At £50 million, Gremlin is a tiddler compared with Eidos's £146 million, but Eidos does not make profits. For anyone seeking the thrill of software while minimising risk, the shares should be worth a punt.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

May	1001-992	Jul	1067-1065
Jul	1020-1019	Sep	1078-1076
Sep	1034-1035	Dec	1089-1087
Dec	1032-1030	Mar	1110-1100
Mar	1043-1040		
May	1054-1052		Volume: 1680

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	2000 BID	Jan	2115-2110
Jul	2101 BID	Mar	[illegible]
Sep	2125-2121	May	[illegible]
Nov	2132-2125		Volume: 4417

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	307.5-[illegible]
Spot: 326.9		May	307.2-06.3
Aug	320.7-20.3	Aug	307.0-[illegible]
Oct	309.9-09.2	Oct	302.4-00.5
Dec	307.0-06.5		Volume: 776

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	98.52	129.94	91.37
(+/-)	-7.11	-1.35	-1.07
Eng/Wales	98.70	129.93	90.96
(+/-)	-6.69	-1.27	-1.44
(%)	-60.0	-26.0	-53.0
Scotland	96.90	130.24	93.74
(+/-)	-15.26	-5.04	+0.98
(%)	+17.0	+24.0	-13.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.35	-0.85
Brent 15 day (Jul)	19.25	-0.90
Brent 15 day (Aug)	19.35	-0.65
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.90	-0.85
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.95	-0.80

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	211 (-4)	213 (-6)
Gasoil EEC	169 (-11)	171 (-11)
3.5 Fuel Oil	78 (-3)	80 (-3)
Naphtha	186 (-2)	198 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	172.00-72.25	Sep	176.50-76.75
Jul	173.00-73.25	Oct	178.00-78.50
Aug	174.75-75.00		Vol: 13318

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	19.22-19.25	Oct	19.43-19.50
Aug	19.32-19.35	Nov	19.50 SLR
Sep	19.40-19.44		Vol: 29453

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	99.70	Sep	88.60
Sep	91.60	Nov	90.60
Nov	93.60	Jan	92.60
Jan	95.60	Mar	94.60
Mar	97.60	May	96.60
Volume: 21		Volume: 0	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Jun	[illegible]	30.0
Nov		55.0
Mar		105.5
		Volume: 79

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jun 74.25-74.75

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 97	[illegible]	—	1282
Jun 97	1225	1205	1195
Jul 97	[illegible]	1110	1115
Oct 97	1300	1300	1300

Vol: 112 lots Open interest: 2692

Index 1290 [illegible]

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2582.0-2583.0	[illegible]	1951950
Lead ($/tonne)	629.50-630.00	637.00-638.00	365900
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1346.0-1347.0	[illegible]	582525
Tin ($/tonne)	5670.0-5680.0	5725.0-5730.0	17510
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1634.0-1634.5	[illegible]	2438075
Nickel ($/tonne)	7325.0-7330.0	7440.0-7445.0	57444

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom..	420	34½	46	52½	3½	9	15
(*447)	460	10½	22½	30	20	26½	34½
ASDA	110	10½	12½	14½	1½	4	5
(*119½)	120	3½	7	9	5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boots	700	33	40	55½	13	21½	27
(*724½)	750	8	22½	32	43½	49	56
Br Airways	700	24½	43	55	22	30½	36
(*711)	750	7½	22½	34	55	59½	[illegible]
BP	700	51	65	76½	6	17	22
(*739)	750	20½	36	48½	23	39	44
Br Steel	140	14½	15½	17	2½	5½	8
(*153)	160	3	5½	8	15½	17	19½
C & W	460	36½	52½	62	7	15½	22
(*496)	500	14½	30½	41	24	37	40½
CU	720	50	74½	90	16½	40	48
(*738½)	750	24	47	64½	39½	63½	73
ICI	750	59	71½	87	9½	15½	21
(*798½)	800	25½	40½	57½	20½	39½	42
Land Sec.	850	53½	64	76	7	16	23½
(*903)	900	15	35	47½	29	38	45½
M & S	500	25	39½	48	2	14	19
(*514)	550	6	15	24	37½	41½	49½
Nat West	750	53	66	97½	12½	33	39
(*795)	800	24	42	61	31½	57½	63
Safeway plc	330	31½	40½	47½	2½	7	12½
(*359)	360	12½	22½	30½	14½	19	25
Sainsbury	330	27½	30½	42½	3	7	11
(*352)	360	9	16½	25	14½	19	24
Shell	1150	77	105	121	8½	25	34
(*1209)	1200	42½	73½	92½	22½	45	56½
SmKl Bch.	1050	51½	84	109½	28	46½	60
(*1096)	1100	29½	58½	82½	56	73½	83½
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1800	122	162½	209	24½	52½	74½
(*1876½)	1900	65½	108½	156½	66	98½	120
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
BAT Ind.	550	35	47½	62	17½	37½	41½
(*563½)	600	15	26	40	46	62	70
Vodafone	280	15	24½	30½	7½	13	17
(*286)	290	9½	15	21	19½	23½	27½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	550	57	69½	77	9	14½	[illegible]
(*596)	600	26½	41	48	28½	35	39½
Ladbroke	240	15	20½	25	9	13	15
(*243½)	260	6½	11½	16	20½	24	26
Utd Bisc	200	20	23	25½	[illegible]	[illegible]	10
(*212)	220	9	12½	15½	14½	16½	20

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	500	33½	43½	52	9½	14½	18
(*528)	550	7	18	27½	36	40½	45
Thames W.	650	34	45	52½	24	32	41
(*673)	700	11	22½	31½	56	61½	70
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BTR	200	17	21½	24½	7	11	13½
(*209)	220	7½	12	15	16½	22	23½
Br Aero	1200	95	110	130½	26	38½	49½
(*1270½)	1250	56½	79	103½	42	60½	70
Br Telecm	420	40½	43	45	11	16½	21½
(*451½)	460	16	19½	23	35	38½	43
Cadbury	550	27	36	46½	19	26	31
(*551)	600	9½	16	25	52	56½	60
Guinness	550	44½	70	74½	5	11½	14
(*596)	600	25½	39	49	26½	30½	[illegible]
GEC	330	30	34	[illegible]	7	10½	13½
(*354)	360	11½	18	23	21½	25½	[illegible]
Hanson	300	24	34	40½	7½	12½	16
(*317½)	330	12	19	25½	21½	27½	31
LASMO	240	19	26½	32	9	11½	13½
(*247½)	260	10	17½	22	19	21½	25½
LucasVarity	190	21	25½	29½	3	6	8
(*199½)	200	9½	14½	15½	11	14	17
Pilkingtn	120	15½	—	—	1	—	—
(*127½)	130	5	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
Prudential	600	60	72	84	8	19½	25
(*641½)	650	30	43	56½	25½	40½	47
Redland	300	35	41½	44	5	11	12½
(*329)	330	17	23½	27	17	24	29½
R-Royce	240	15½	22½	27½	10½	15	19
(*242½)	260	7	13½	18½	22	25½	29½
Tesco	360	25½	32	39½	6	14½	19½
(*371½)	390	10	17½	24½	24½	30	33½
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4680)

	4550	4600	4650	4700	4750	4800
Calls						
Jun	159½	119½	84½	55½	33½	19½
Jul	194	160	126	96½	70	46
Aug	210½	175½	144½	114½	92½	68½
Sep	241	208½	176½	145	121	96½
Dec	—	290	—	221	—	171½
Puts						
Jun	21½	31½	47½	69½	99	137½
Jul	41	54	71½	92½	120	151½
Aug	60½	75½	94	116	141½	172½
Sep	76	93	111½	132	159	195½
Dec	—	129	—	169	—	219½

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Abby Nat	900	57½	87	112½	22½	37	45
(*932½)	950	[illegible]	64	87½	41	[illegible]	71½
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1250	80½	94½	129	35½	65½	82½
(*1284)	1300	57½	71	107	62	94½	108½
Natl Pwr	530	39½	42	49	17½	22	27½
(*534)	550	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	44	49½	55
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo Wel	1200	46½	71	89½	31½	60	67½
(*1254)	1250	25	41	75	60	80½	91
HSBC	1850	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	33	64	90½
(*1884)	1900	74	117	166½	74	105½	127½
Reuters	650	47½	58	72	11	27½	29½
(*680½)	700	19½	37	[illegible]	34	47	53
Royal & Sun	460	30	44½	52½	7	17½	23½
(*470½)	500	[illegible]	24	[illegible]	27	[illegible]	43½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Blue Circ	420	22½	31½	42	12½	21	25
(*424½)	460	7½	14	22½	37½	44	49
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Kingfisher	700	45½	54½	71	16	29½	32
(*719½)	750	20½	32½	45	42½	51	59
Series		**Jun**			**Jun**		
Br Gas	240	25½	—	—	1½	—	—
(*265)	280	[illegible]	—	—	5	—	—
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Dixons	460	19	32½	42½	8	22½	27½
(*471½)	500	2½	14½	25½	[illegible]	45	49½
EMI Group	1150	42½	[illegible]	95	15	52½	63
(*1177½)	1200	19	46	72	40	73	89
Tarmac	120	9	13½	[illegible]	1	4	6½
(*125½)	130	2	7½	12½	5	9½	12
Hillsdown	160	15½	19½	—	[illegible]	2	—
(*174½)	180	2	7	—	6½	9½	—
Lonrho	140	6	11½	15	2	6½	9½
(*142)	160	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	17	19½	20½
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	260	14	21	27½	2	11	12½
(*271)	280	3½	10	14	11	21½	22½
Lloyds TSB	600	43	62	76½	4½	20	27
(*637)	650	12	34	49	24	42	50
Scot Pwr	360	22	32	[illegible]	2½	15	18½
(*378½)	390	[illegible]	14½	19	16½	32½	35
Unilever	[illegible]	57	129½	154	4½	22	34
(*1677½)	1700	20	65	[illegible]	27	60½	73

May 27, 1997 Tot: 25581 Call: 15200 Put: 10381 FTSE Call: 2538 Put: 1742

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest: n/a	Jun 97	112-09	112-17	112-02	112-12	93883
	Sep 97	112-16	112-26	112-12	112-22	35800
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest: n/a	Jun 97	100.81	100.86	100.56	100.76	171942
	Sep 97	99.78	99.81	99.55	99.73	13083
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest: n/a	Jun 97	129.20	130.07	128.90	129.82	58664
	Sep 97	129.90	130.57	129.51	130.32	4450
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Jun 97	123.44	123.32	123.09	123.17	3305
	Sep 97	122.01	121.87	121.66	121.72	1758
Three Mth Sterling	Jun 97	93.42	93.42	93.40	93.40	13838
	Sep 97	93.18	93.19	93.16	93.17	9190
Previous open interest: n/a	Dec 97	92.98	92.99	92.97	92.97	6813
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest: n/a	Jun 97	96.80	96.81	96.80	96.81	8843
	Sep 97	96.72	96.74	96.72	96.73	11951
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest: n/a	Jun 97	93.33	93.34	93.24	93.27	25669
	Sep 97	93.59	93.60	93.54	93.58	14190
Three Mth Euroyen	Sep 97				99.14	0
	Dec 97				98.85	0
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest: n/a	Jun 97	98.58	98.68	98.56	98.67	17269
	Sep 97	98.57	98.64	98.55	98.62	23109
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest: n/a	Jun 97	95.80	95.82	95.80	95.82	1150
	Sep 97	95.80	95.81	95.78	95.81	1174
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: n/a	Jun 97	4678.0	4709.0	4678.0	4687.0	7384
	Sep 97	4726.0	4737.5	4716.5	4719.5	306

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¾

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: [illegible] Low 5[illegible] Week fixed: [illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible], close [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Dollar CDs:	5.55	n/a	5.68	5.86	6.00
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $342.60-342.90 Close: $343.40-343.90 High: $344.40-340.90
Low: $342.60-342.90 AM: $343.55 PM: $343.65

Krugerrand: $342.75-344.75 (£210.25-212.25)

Platinum: $398.00 (£244.00) Silver: $4.75 (£2.915) Palladium: $177.50 (£108.85)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 27	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1153-3.1209	3.1153-3.1175	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	57.144-57.330	57.144-57.233	18-13pr	49-42pr
Copenhagen	10.549-10.570	10.550-10.558	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	1.0744-1.0822	1.0744-1.0793	4pr-par	14-7pr
Frankfurt	2.7698-2.7751	2.7698-2.7721	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	279.77-280.56	279.77-280.22	24-15pr	80-63pr
Madrid	233.64-234.41	233.64-233.98	3-19ds	7-29ds
Milan	2730.6-2737.9	2730.6-2733.7	0.69-0.64pr	1.26-1.18pr
Montreal	2.2424-2.2506	2.2470-2.2488	0.113-0.092pr	0.308-0.277pr
New York	1.6285-1.6356	1.6285-1.6292	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Oslo	11.519-11.553	11.529-11.542	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	9.3435-9.3740	9.3435-9.3516	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	12.446-12.498	12.451-12.469	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	189.45-190.17	189.81-190.04	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	19.493-19.535	19.493-19.511	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	2.3047-2.3150	2.3084-2.3110	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3085-1.3094
Austria	11.95-11.96
Belgium (Com)	35.07-35.11
Canada	1.3781-1.3786
Denmark	6.4730-6.4750
France	5.7362-5.7372
Germany	1.6994-1.7004
Hong Kong	7.7402-7.7412
Ireland	1.5105-1.5125
Italy	1676.50-1678.00
Japan	116.45-116.55
Malaysia	2.5162-2.5172
Netherlands	1.9132-1.9137
Norway	7.0698-7.0748
Portugal	171.80-171.85
Singapore	1.4294-1.4304
Spain	143.50-143.53
Sweden	7.6365-7.6440
Switzerland	1.4178-1.4188

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6308-1.6335
Australia dollar	2.1332-2.1359
Bahrain dinar	0.6110-0.6230
Brazil real*	1.7361-1.7405
China yuan	13.415-13.715
Cyprus pound	0.8215-0.8315
Finland markka	8.3100-8.4260
Greece drachma	439.5-446.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.6212-12.6305
India rupee	58.16-59.12
Indonesia rupiah	3950.0-4027.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4865-0.4965
Malaysia ringgit	4.1029-4.1071
New Zealand dollar	2.3598-2.3629
Pakistan rupee	65.55 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8950-6.0190
Singapore dollar	2.3308-2.3338
S Africa rand (com)	7.2780-7.3800
U A E dirham	5.9500-6.0740

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FTSE VOLUMES

3i	461	Land Secs	1,600
ASDA Gp	3,600	Legal & Gn	1,900
Abbey Ntl	2,100	Lloyds TSB	9,000
Allied Dom	1,700	LucasVarity	1,200
AB Foods	271	Marks Spr	5,500
BAA	2,400	Mercury Asset	271
BAT Inds	4,100	NatWst Bk	8,700
BG	4,100	Nat Grid	1,300
BOC	976	Nat Power	4,400
BP	6,400	Next	2,400
BSkyB	1,800	Orange	1,300
BTR	11,300	P & O	857
BT	10,100	Pearson	1,000
Bk of Scot	2,300	PowerGen	911
Barclays	4,700	Prudential	3,300
Bass	2,000	RMC	318
Blue Circle	1,300	RTZ	2,400
Boots	1,900	Rank Group	1,800
BAe	1,600	Reckitt Col	1,100
BA	3,400	Reed Intl	3,200
British Land	1,400	Rentokil Inl	2,900
Brit Steel	5,100	Reuters	3,600
Burmah Cstl	471	Rolls Royce	8,000
Burton	991	Royal & Sun	3,500
Cable Wire	4,600	Royal Bk Sct	2,200
Cadbury	1,400	Safeway	3,900
Carlton Cms	2,400	Sainsbury	5,700
Centrica	14,500	Schroders	8
Cm Union	1,300	Scot & New	165
Dixons	2,500	Scot Power	1,700
EMI	3,000	Svrn Trent	348
Energy Gp	1,400	Shell Trans	4,000
Enterpr Oil	904	Siebe	887
GKN	682	SmKl Bch	4,200
GRE	1,900	Smith Nph	2,400
GUS	1,100	Smiths Inds	1,500
Gen Acc	547	Std Chartd	3,000
Gen Elec	3,900	TI Gp	1,800
Glaxo Well	8,200	Tate & Lyle	2,300
Granada	1,700	Tesco	2,100
Grand Met	6,500	Thames W	1,400
Guinness	3,200	Tomkins	3,900
HSBC	5,600	Unilever	746
Hanson	2,500	Utd Utilities	1,200
Hays	1,200	Utd News	992
ICI	4,700	Vodafone	5,400
Imp Tob	1,500	Whitbread	884
Kingfisher	4,400	Wolseley	860
LASMO	1,400	Zeneca	1,800
Ladbroke	3,000		

STREET

	May 27 midday	May 23 close
AMP Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
AT & T	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abbott Labs	[illegible]	64
Advanced Micro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aetna Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ahmanson (HF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
AirTouch Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Albertsons	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Signal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alum Co of Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Brands	[illegible]	53
Amer El Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Genl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Home P	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Intl	133	[illegible]
Amer Stores	[illegible]	45
Amer Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ameritech	[illegible]	64
Amgen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amoco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Andrew Corp	27	[illegible]
Anheuser-Busch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apple Computer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Archer Daniels	20	[illegible]
Armco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armstrong Wrld	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Auto Data Pro	48	[illegible]
Avery Dennison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baker Hughes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Banc One	[illegible]	[illegible]
BankAmerica	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tr NY	82	[illegible]
Barnett Banks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baxter Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Becton Dickinsn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Industries	[illegible]	19
BellSouth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Black & Decker	[illegible]	[illegible]
Block (H&R)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	100
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boston Scien	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myrs Sq	[illegible]	[illegible]
Browning Ferris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brunswick	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
CMS Energy Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
CNA Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]
CPC Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
CSX	[illegible]	53
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Carolina Pwr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Case Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central & SW	[illegible]	[illegible]
Champion Intl	[illegible]	50
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chevron Corp	[illegible]	71
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chubb Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cigna Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clorox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coastal Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola Ent	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate-Palm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
ColumbiaHCA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Compaq Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comp Ass Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Conagra	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Edison	[illegible]	29
Cons Nat Gas	52	[illegible]
Cooper Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corestates	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Cork	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dana Corp	[illegible]	35
Dayton Hudson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air Lines	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deluxe Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Digital Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dillard Dept St	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney (Walt)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dominion Res	[illegible]	35
Donnelley (RR)	36	[illegible]
Dover Corp	55	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Jones	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dun & Bradstreet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Chem	57	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	83

	May 27 midday	May 23 close
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Edison Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Elect Data Sys	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emerson Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Engelhard Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Enron Corp	40	[illegible]
Entergy	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ethyl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon	[illegible]	60
FMC Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
FPL Group	46	[illegible]
Federal Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Bk Sys	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fleet Finl Grp	[illegible]	62
Fluor Corp	52	[illegible]
Ford Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gannett	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gap Inc Del	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gencorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Reinsurance	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Signal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genuine Parts	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glaxo Wellc ADR	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich (BF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gt Atl Pac Tea	[illegible]	[illegible]
Great Wstn Fin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Halliburton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harcourt General	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz (HJ)	42	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hershey Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hewlett Packard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hilton Hotels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Home Depot	[illegible]	61
Homestake Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Household Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Houston Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Humana	[illegible]	[illegible]
ITT Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hosp Office	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinois Tool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinova	[illegible]	[illegible]
INCO	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ingersoll Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intel Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Flav & Fr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
James River Va	35	[illegible]
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American music industry hits a low note

Fortunes have been spent on talent-spotting but the supply of stars has been meagre, says **Martin Waller**

Drugs, groupies, wanton mistreatment of innocent domestic appliances — pin a record company executive to the wall for long enough, and he or she will eventually admit that, yes, this sort of thing does go on in the business. But there *is one secret so terrible* that it can never be admitted. It is that the companies have no more idea which artists will sell than the most innocent mug punter.

This is in spite of armies of A&R (artists and repertoire) operatives charged with catching the latest bands and keeping a close hold on youth trends. There are any number of respectable demographic reasons why the American music *industry is in a sad state*. But, as tacitly admitted in EMI's trading statement yesterday — it speaks of "the failure of much US-based repertoire to generate significant international volumes" — at least some of the blame must attach to those A&R executives. They signed the artists, and no one bought them.

One City analyst says: "There are three main drivers to the music business. There's the economy — are there jobs for the young people who buy the music? There's technology — along comes the cassette, or the CD, and there's a blip in sales. And third, there's artistic creativity. A few good bands hit in the same year and that will draw people back into the music shops. But the third driver is the one which is difficult to predict."

The age profile in the US is such that the number of 24 to 44-year-olds, the music-buying generation, is falling and will fall further. They are also buying computer games and CD-Roms, when once there was only the LP. One factor behind the growth of CD sales, from almost nothing in 1983 to 2.1 billion units worldwide last year, was the replacement of vinyl records. And that is now almost over. The US over the past decade has seen a massive surge in new retail space, especially in out-of-town shopping malls. That is bad news for the music industry. First, the retailers were forced to discount to compete. Meanwhile, two electrical goods chains, Circuit City and Best Buy, were selling CDs as loss-leaders. The second factor is more subtle. Many of the music stores built were small, with no space for back catalogue, a treasured asset for any music company. The recent *Beatles Anthologies* sold 14 million copies worldwide, but also stimulated sales of the original albums.

The result of all this can be seen in figures from the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry that show US music sales, by value, up just 1.6 per cent last year. A study from Salomon Brothers, the broker, estimates that US sales from 1996 to 2002 will grow annually, by value, by just 4.6 per cent — significantly lower than the 12 per cent seen between 1991 and 1995.

A further problem is a cultural one. American music does not export as well as it once did. Disco swept the world in the Seventies: rap, in spite of being fashionable, remains a black, urban, American form. Country music and Christian music, huge in the home market, mean little overseas. On average, a dollar of sales within the US is worth another 80 cents outside it for the same release. The trouble has been that EMI, and the other big four music businesses, have had some lean years in finding new talent in spite of spending fortunes on it or on keeping the old stars.

Warner's $80 million deal with REM was followed by lukewarm sales for its next CD. EMI has the Spice Girls, but fingers are crossed for what could be the next sensation, the Oxford band Radiohead, whose second CD made its debut at the weekend. The industry has a jokey name for it: "That Difficult Second Album Syndrome". Back to those A&R executives.

These woes are not fatal. But hanging over the global music business like a guillotine blade is electronic distribution. That will allow punters to call up any disc selected from a huge back catalogue into a home entertainment centre and replayed at will. The cost will not approach the £14 or so the product now costs.

Most industry executives write off the danger, at least in public. Sir Colin Southgate of EMI said yesterday he would be dust first. But if it does happen, then all those factories, the delivery vans, the shops, the makers of plastic sleeves — all will be redundant. That really will be the day the music died.

Unipart university offers a lead on welfare-to-work training

Philip Bassett looks at a company that could be the model for Labour plans

By the base of a bleak block of flats called Windrush Tower, just across the road from a huddle of shops of which only the chippie is showing signs of life, a group of teenagers is hanging around. Nothing to do, doing nothing. One eyes a circling car warily. Another gives a V-sign.

This is the Blackbird Leys housing estate, in east Oxford — four miles and a world away from the university town. Crime, vandalism, drugs: *Blackbird Leys has them all.*

A few years ago, riots broke out on the estate as youths stole cars, handbrake-turn racing them round the rough streets. Now there are traffic calmers laid every few metres on every road.

Unemployment has cut a swath through Blackbird Leys. At 5.9 per cent, joblessness in Oxford is just below the national average. In Blackbird Leys, the figure runs at 9.6 per cent — higher still for the young.

Barely half a mile away, inside a high-tech, computer-driven presentation suite, John Neill starts talking at 9 am. At 12.30, he stops. His audience is exhausted. But the chief executive of Unipart, the components group, is asking if anyone wants any more.

This is Unipart U, the motor company's in-house training centre, a £4 million investment, offering the company's 4,000-plus employees 180 different courses to help them in their work. Unipart's programmes, and in particular their emphasis on the quality of training, are precisely the programmes Labour has in mind in its welfare-to-work new deal training and job schemes, which will form the centrepiece of the Budget. The Windrush Tower teenagers are the type of excluded youngsters at whom the new deal programmes are aimed.

Unipart workers have to attend an introductory course at the company's in-house training centre near Oxford

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, will today emphasise the importance of the Government's welfare-to-work programme while talking about jobs in Europe.

The Government needs specific examples of how such grand strategies can be put into practice. Ford's EDAP scheme is one. Rover's Learning Business training programme another. But Unipart's initiatives may well be the best, as Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, told the CBI last week: "Many large companies have introduced training and education to the work place. Unipart have led the way, with their own university, Unipart U."

Mr Neill's 3½-hour performance to company employees on the introductory philosophy and principles course, which all have to attend, is a tour-de-force. Computer graphics, videos, team exercises, audience questions are all deployed in a sustained effort to convince people of Unipart's Japanese-inspired way of doing things.

Previous course participants have included Sir Terence Burns, Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, 60 of his senior civil servants, Chris Woodhead, the Ofsted education chief, and Will Hutton, editor of *The Observer*.

One of the most striking elements in the presentation is a video clip of children in a Hong Kong classroom, with six-year-olds' mental arithmetic easily outperforming the best financial calculator-punchers. For Mr Neill, this solution — the primacy of human capital — is the only one for Britain in the worldwide fight for business competitiveness, and it is what lies behind his obsession with the importance of training.

To improve the company's human capital, Unipart U hums with features beyond the wildest imaginings of most people who work in factories. In company time, young men and women pump iron in a high-tech, £1 million fitness centre. Under a "Beauty for Men" programme, Unipart's male employees can, for £25, get the benefit of a 45-minute fruit peel to cleanse their skin. In a computer centre, they can improve their IT skills. Unipart estimates that Unipart U has so far added £5 million to its bottom line.

All this seems completely removed from the grim world of Blackbird Leys. Mr Neill insists that it is not, and that side-by-side with such high-level training, Unipart offers, for instance, remedial adult literacy programmes for some of its employees. "The quality of our secondary education system here in the UK is abysmal," he said.

Mr Neill is holding back on judging the Government's welfare-to-work programme. "The devil will be in the detail," he says. Unipart as a company is unlikely to be much persuaded by Labour's plans to offer £60 and £75-a-week susbsidies to employers for taking on young and long-term unemployed respectively. The company says that if it wants to hire someone in whom it sees potential, it will do so, regardless of inducements. But in its own local community programmes, including a childcare scheme in Blackbird Leys, its initiatives are similar to those of the Government.

That touches a curious puzzle in Mr Neill. In all he does at Unipart, in his emphasis on long-term action rather than City short-termism, on training, on the importance of people, on ideas, on thinking, and especially on his central vision of stakeholding, Mr Neill's language and operations are wholly in line with Labour. Indeed, he has even claimed to be the direct source of Tony Blair's pre-election use of the term "stakeholding".

Yet Mr Neill combines this with fervent support for the Conservatives — support so fervent, that it led not just to open pro-Tory declarations during the election campaign, but to moves to draw big-name companies together to fight Labour's planned windfall tax, even though it will be used to fund the very type of schemes Mr Neill's own factories feature so prominently.

Mr Neill acknowledges the point, but insists that his own political views were forged in the industrial relations nightmares of the motor industry in the 1970s.

Significantly, though, he now has considerable praise for the direction, speed and purposefulness of the first three weeks of the Government and is now interested in talking to Labour. Perhaps because of his declared Conservatism, rather than in spite of it, Labour is likely to be interested in talking to him.

The stream of outsiders attending Mr Neill's courses at Unipart U reflects his success in doing, as well as talking. A company wholly wedded to the stakeholder approach, Unipart is a now a £1 billion-turnover enterprise, with profits up last year by 5 per cent to £33 million. Its success is reflected in its customer list: Rover, Jaguar, Honda, Ford, GM, Toyota, Land Rover, Saab, VW, Mercedes Benz. But new areas too — it is now shipping parts *for Hewlett Packard*, the US computer company.

Mr Neill knows that such success means Unipart has few if any problems in recruiting. But that does not prevent him from being characteristically forceful about companies' social responsibilities, such as tackling unemployment, poor education and non-existent training: "We can't shut our eyes and say it's not our problem. It is our problem — a very serious problem for us all in the medium term." Attempting to deal with such problems, both within and outside its own walls, is what Unipart has done while improving performance and competitiveness.

Leaving aside the curiously ill-fitting political overlay of its chief executive, its achievements — especially in the area of job programmes and training — might well make it, as the Chancellor indicated, an ideal model company for Labour. And that might bring some hope to the teenagers hanging round the chip shop in Blackbird Leys as well as to Britain generally, as the Government readies its Budget proposals to get people off welfare and into work.

ANTHONY HARRIS

Shock-horror rife in the Euro markets

If you talk to a dealer in European currencies and bonds you will get a feeling of déjà vu. The psychiatrists have a phrase for it: the markets are "in denial". The French election didn't really happen; or if it did it was just a rap on the knuckles for M Chirac, and they will return to him in the second round. Or: the National Front holds the key. Their supporters in the 400-odd seats where they failed to qualify for the second round will turn to the only other right wing on offer. One way or another, it will be all right on the night.

Plausible, perhaps, but where have we heard such arguments before? After every Tory by-election defeat, that's where. One hapless apologist after another explained that yes, it looked bad, but in the real election (for which read "the second round") it would be different. Except that it wasn't. Remember that President Chirac is more comprehensively discredited than ever John Major was: he promised growth, jobs and a new élan (which he is promising again), but delivered recession, unemployment and strikes. Then remember that M Le Pen has urged his followers to vote left where they cannot vote for him again.

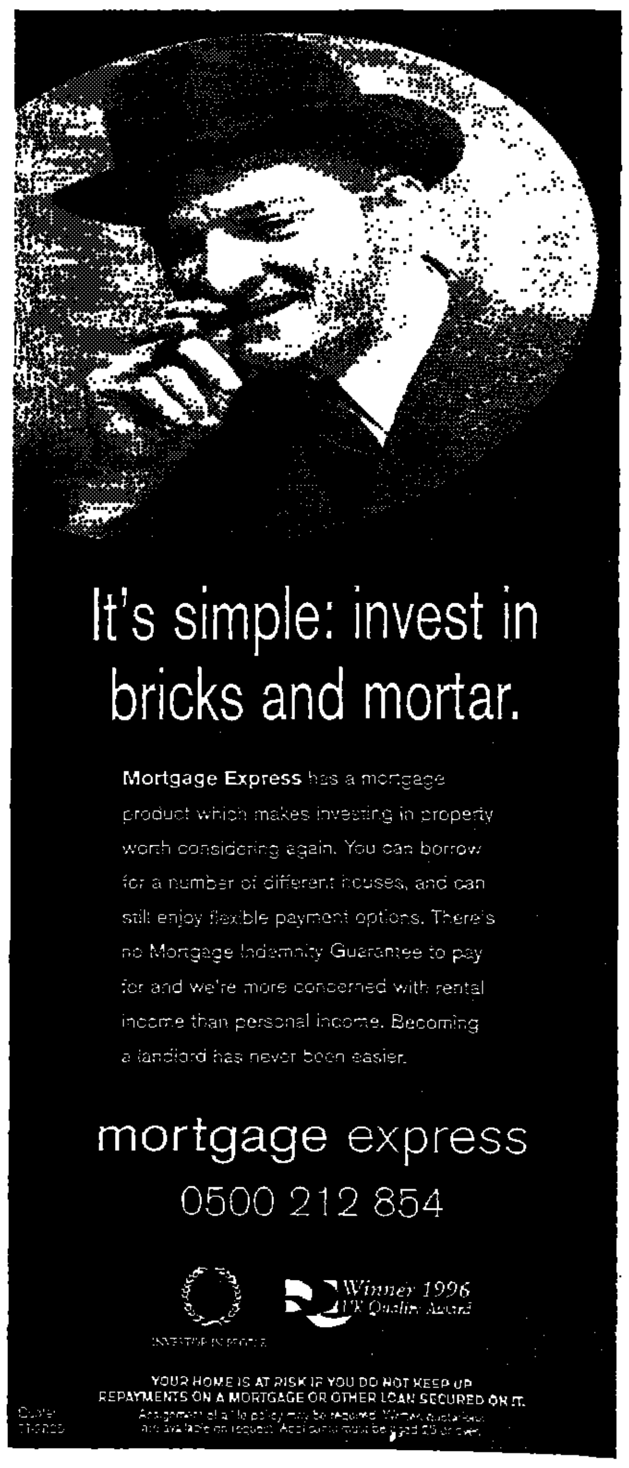
So there is a case for a Jospin victory but the dealers are ready for that, too. Jospin supports the Euro project, too, they tell you: so nothing will really have changed. OK, the markets will be a bit touchy for a time; but that's all, really. Anything, in short, rather than face the possibility that something really has changed. And if you are tempted to call this wishful reasoning pathetic, remember that if you had been *running a highly profitable* convergence play in European bonds for a couple of years, you too would be reluctant to believe that the fun might be over.

Even if you did believe it, you wouldn't say so — not if you were busy taking out options to hedge against the worst. One or two can hedge; a crowd can only stampede — or sit tight with fingers firmly crossed. So don't ask a dealer for a detached view of French politics: ask somebody who has less at stake. So what, realistically, might a Jospin victory mean? First, and most surely, that the measures which the unhappy Alain Juppe regarded as essential to make France ready for the EMU will not be taken. France would then qualify under the Maastricht rules only if they were most flexibly interpreted.

Of course, Germany is in very much the same fix, so this would not itself be a market shock. The exchange markets have for some time been discounting a soft Euro. It got a shade softer in the market on Monday: if Jospin wins, still softer. This would not alarm the French left, which has argued all along that what it favours is a "monetary union for growth and jobs". But it might alarm the Germans, who are reminded every time they unroll their beach towels that the mark is not what it used to be.

Nor will they be happy with M Jospin's second proposition: that the Euro should be as broadly based as possible, which means that it must include Italy. The Germans have an odd neurosis about the word "Italy", which has been kept under control so far by an Augustinian compromise — Italy can be virtuous, but not just yet. But Italy already looks better qualified for EMU than Germany. The compromise might not survive a Jospin push.

Might this be enough to derail the EMU train? The European bond markets say "probably not": yield differentials have widened only slightly. This is the conclusion Chancellor Kohl would favour. He has *his own phobia — Prussian* nationalism — and believes EMU would keep the beast chained. For him the project is about peace and at almost any price, one suspects. Other Germans see it differently: the big companies moving outside the EU, for example. Jospin could mobilise German opposition to this German project. Unlikely perhaps but quite enough uncertainty to make any dealer think evasively.



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GTech rollover

THE wheel of fortune turns, and turns again. Guy Snowden, the American lottery magnate being sued for libel by Richard Branson, is stepping back from day-to-day management at GTech, the sometimes controversial US lottery company that provides the technical know-how to our own dear National Lottery. Now 51 and immensely rich, Snowden steps down in July as chief executive officer, handing the reins to William O'Connor, 53, but remaining chairman. Those who recall the row with Branson — he accused Snowden of trying to bribe him to stay out of the lottery race — should not read too much into the move. GTech says the change has been planned since O'Connor joined in 1994, and allows Snowden to take on a more strategic role. Snowden strongly denies the bribery allegations, due to be aired in court next month but now pushed back until early next year.

EMI
NORTH AMERICA RESTRUCTURING BILL £117m
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"What I really, really, want is to find another band as big as the Spice Girls to pay for all this"

●*AN INVITATION arrives from KPMG. "With Gordon Brown's special Budget fast approaching" we are urged to attend a special tax presentation. Unfortunately, since the invite was posted Gordon Brown's special Budget has fast receded, and is now a small dot in the middle distance. I ring KPMG to tease them. "Obviously you've never heard of the concept of irony," they sniff.*

Sales grab

WHAT looks like a classic example of that fine institution, the City poach, has been carried out by Oppenheimer International, the London arm of Oppenheimer & Co of the US. It has tempted the US equity sales team from among the survivors crouching shell-shocked amid the broken glass and rubble of Dean Witter's Broadgate offices after the arrival of Morgan Stanley. Unimpressed with the new culture, the seven-strong team has escaped from the "merger" with Dean Witter announced a few weeks ago. The move was organised by Nick Robinson, who was a senior salesman at Dean Witter and, scenting something was in the wind, actually talked to Oppenheimer a couple of months before the merger. He and Jonathan Denham become senior vice-presidents there, and Michael Shorthouse, head of sales trading for Dean Witter in the UK, takes up the same post at their new billet.

KEN BERRY, appointed to sort out the mess at EMI in the States, is a fitting subordinate to Croesus-rich Jim Fifield. He is still remembered for his speech when Virgin, his original employer, was sold to EMI, which went something like: "We are all very, very sad. However, some of us are also very, very rich." His hobby? Collecting Aston Martins.

Projected move

MERRILL LYNCH is sticking to the line that the decision on its new headquarters has yet to be made, but at least three of Britain's biggest builders are going to be very angry if it is not the old Royal Mail sorting office on King Edward Street. A report in the excellent *Building* magazine says Taylor Woodrow, Bovis and Mace have won through to the shortlist to redevelop the site. The architect for the £100 million development is an American firm, Swanke Hayden Connell, and Merrill is flying over a hot-shot project manager from New York to make sure the Limeys mix the right sort of cement.

Up-Grade

WHO knows how many impressionable minds may have been saved? Britain's "pornographer-in-chief" is to give up peddling his unspeakable filth two months early. Michael Grade joins First Leisure Corporation, the family firm founded by his uncle, next Monday. The reason for his earlier departure is the appointment from within Channel 4 of Michael Jackson, the other one, that is. Grade will now not have to sit around while someone from outside works out their contract.

He is going out in style, though. This weekend Channel 4 features an evening devoted entirely to various sexual perversions and a series of Swedish blue movies from the 1970s, bought in specially as his swansong. Actually, I made that last bit up, continuing an honourable tradition, among the tabloid press at least, when reporting on Grade.

MARTIN WALLER

Michael Grade is joining First Leisure from Channel 4 next Monday, earlier than expected

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Managed Inc	50.84	54.09†	+0.02	4.16
Managed	185.70	198.60	-0.20	1.21
US Emerging Cos	191.60	194.20	-2.40	
Ethical	87.10	92.66	-0.30	1.77
International	147.90	157.30		0.55
Dividend & Growth	76.21	81.07	+0.22	4.14
Global Gwth & Src	76.14	81.36	-0.04	2.49
Latin America	85.10	91.60	-0.19	0.45
Capital Reserve	149.00	149.00		4.69
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	103.80	115.20	-0.40	2.07
Equity Income	145.10	154.30	+0.40	3.93
Extra Income	280.70	298.60	+0.60	6.12
Smaller Cos	108.30	115.20	-0.20	1.54
International	126.20	134.30†	+0.10	1.35
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2484.00	2585.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	69.54	72.21†	-0.76	
Emerging Mkts	77.64	81.07	-0.25	0.04
European	168.90	175.50	-1.00	
Extra Income #	54.28	57.13	+0.36	5.69
Far Euro Emrg Eco	125.90	132.00	-0.10	0.42
Fixed Interest #	26.63	27.70†	+0.03	8.77
Fund Inv Tst #	171.10	179.50†	+0.70	9.25
Japan	172.10	184.00	-0.90	
Latin American	73.79	78.78	+0.58	0.63
Pacific	81.58	85.64†	-0.02	0.31
Property Share	85.30	89.55	-0.03	1.96
UK Emerging Cos	71.96	77.78	-0.04	1.34
UK Growth	62.94	65.55†	+0.37	1.79
Aber Worldw Port #	89.43	94.12	+0.12	2.64
Ethical	85.26	88.67	-0.35	1.99
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.82	50.87	+0.12	7.29
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 256 5868				
[illegible] Property #	101.00	107.40		5.29
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	100.49	106.62	+0.32	1.89
Income Builder Inc	89.07	94.75	-0.04	3.60
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	324.30	345.50	+1.00	2.69
Capital	574.90	614.50	-2.20	1.02
Balanced	949.80	1015.00	-4.00	2.40
Accumulator	1854.00	1980.00†	-9.00	1.59
Income Trusts				
American Income	73.46	79.37	+0.16	2.07
High Income	527.50	563.50	-2.20	3.79
Equity Income	298.70	319.20	+1.40	3.49
High Yield	316.50	338.20†	+1.10	3.55
Govt Securities	35.19	37.15†	-0.04	5.88
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	250.10	266.50	+1.90	0.04
European Growth	65.32	69.78	-0.46	0.06
International	208.50	222.60†	-0.60	0.10
Japan	184.40	197.10	-1.90	
Pacific	414.70	443.30	-0.40	
Secs of America	670.50	714.30†	+2.20	0.11
Worldw Asset Val	60.05	64.18	-0.21	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	732.20	782.70†	+4.40	1.74
Cons & Gilt	54.32	58.06	-0.09	3.65
Smaller Cos	211.50	226.00		1.01
2nd Smaller Cos	200.60	214.40	-0.10	0.72
Recovery	186.40	199.20†	+0.60	1.42
Met Min & Cdty	160.30	171.30†	+0.60	0.16
Overs Earnings	486.20	519.70†	+2.40	0.93
Technology	243.20	259.90†	+0.50	
UK Special Sits	650.40	695.20	+3.50	1.54
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Concild Ocl Pens	132.80	137.90		
Foundn Pencl Pens	78.29	81.33		
For BGI-Thornhill see Thornhill				
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	390.50	416.90	-3.50	
Bond	121.80	128.20†	-0.20	6.47
Brit Smlr Cos	116.00	123.40	-0.20	1.81

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	161.61	173.75	-1.11	0.76
UK Equity	107.11	114.43	+0.44	3.10
UK Equity & Bd	62.15	65.97	+0.14	6.11
UK Smlr Cos	54.79	58.60	-0.03	1.62
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	881.86	914.88		3.93
Inv Fd Acc	961.86	674.88		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	161.64	162.28		8.81
Fxd Int Sec Acc	161.64	162.28		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	852.73	865.61		4.00
Investment Acc	£40.21	£40.82		
Fixed Int Inc	130.55	131.07		8.85
Fixed Int Acc	248.30	249.33		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.30	92.04		5.44
Beck Bio-Tech	39.33	42.87		
Acorn Ethical Tst	194.35	204.08		0.42
City Fin Assets	84.58	88.02†	+0.12	1.87
City Fin Intl	93.52	98.20†		0.06
Friars Hse Cap	327.86	348.78	-2.32	2.28
Buckley Wild Grth	128.42	136.20		
J Sel Inc/Gth Inc	63.34	66.51		3.22
Snow Utilities	67.38	69.06†	-0.02	6.41
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	60.43	64.12	-0.06	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0345 772 233				
American Gwth	87.33	92.90	+1.13	
Dragon Growth	73.86	78.99	+1.01	0.38
Equity High Inc	104.15	110.21	+0.35	3.52
-do- Accum	152.68	161.56	+0.51	3.52
Extra Income Inc	27.46	28.91	+0.08	6.83
Extra Income Acc	31.10	32.74	+0.09	6.83
European Gwth	74.76	79.11	-0.19	0.29
Evergreen	33.19	35.49	+0.18	0.01
General Equity	121.80	128.55	+0.48	2.52
Japan Growth	43.10	45.85	-0.42	
Pedigree Gwth	72.43	76.64	+0.37	1.96
Pedi Sm Cos Inc	40.58	42.94†	+0.02	1.24
-do- Accum	43.46	45.99	+0.03	1.24
Retirement Inc #	31.28	33.28	+0.09	5.38
Special Sits	52.01	55.93	+0.10	2.70
UK & Overseas	67.54	71.47	-0.05	0.57
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD 01634 890 000				
Balanced	77.28	80.50	+0.06	3.84
Capital	93.44	97.33	+0.22	2.26
High Income	53.67	55.90†	+0.06	5.62
Top 50	66.40	69.16	+0.28	2.33
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	213.63	222.55†	+0.78	4.13
Long Gilt	45.84	47.72†	-0.08	5.89
Monthly Inc Plus	53.31	55.54	-0.22	8.07
Preference Share	50.64	52.76†	-0.25	7.39
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	157.77	164.36†	+0.33	5.19
Managed Fund	82.99	86.35†	+0.26	2.57
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	56.14	58.49†	-0.09	1.62
-do- Accum	67.15	69.95†	-0.11	1.62
UK & General	110.82	115.45†	-0.64	2.61
-do- Accum	146.91	153.05†	+0.84	2.61
UK Growth	221.28	230.52†	+0.62	1.22
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	251.38	261.88†	-0.93	0.55
Far Eastern Grth	134.84	140.47†	-0.53	0.02
Global Bond	74.11	77.21†	-0.29	6.42
Japan Growth	106.01	110.44†	-1.14	
North Amer Grth	277.77	289.37†	+4.24	
Oriental Growth	86.69	90.31†	+0.88	0.26
Worldwide Growth	80.08	83.43†	+0.25	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.08	92.08†	+0.06	5.59
Homemaker Fund	99.42	105.78	+0.46	2.04
Quilter Fund	172.86	183.91	+0.95	1.96
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 9966				
Consistent UT	38.55	41.20		3.83
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	194.90	207.30†	+0.30	1.64
Income	80.13	85.24	+0.42	4.16
European	87.44	93.02	-0.07	0.33
Recovery	186.20	198.10	-0.30	2.67
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1110.70	1128.70		3.01
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	117.00	124.40†	+0.10	1.09
Income #	308.30	327.90†	+1.00	4.19
-do- Accum #	832.40	891.90	+2.60	4.19
Smaller Cos	235.30	250.30	-0.30	0.95
-do- Accum	293.10	311.80	-0.40	0.95
Gth Portfolio	108.70	115.60	-0.10	1.23
High Inc Port #	91.18	96.99	+0.33	4.30
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1734.50	1786.90		
UK Small Cos	2293.40	2390.60		2.87
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	242.80	250.30†		3.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	249.60	257.30†	+2.10	
Income & Growth	250.20	266.20†	+0.70	4.08
-do- Accum	409.40	435.50†	+1.80	4.08
Intl Growth	449.10	479.00†	+1.30	
-do- Accum	498.70	531.90†	+1.10	
Japan & Gen	155.20	164.70	-1.70	
-do- Accum	156.70	166.40	-1.70	
Monthly Inc #	218.30	232.20†	-0.50	4.26
-do- Accum #	223.30	237.60†	+0.60	4.26
Managed Port Inc	129.30	136.10†	+0.10	1.32
-do- Accum	142.30	149.80†	+0.10	1.32
Quarterly Income #	60.36	64.54†	+0.14	5.07
-do- Accum #	71.23	76.25†	+0.18	5.07
Recovery	349.40	373.70	-1.50	
-do- Accum	412.50	441.20	-1.70	
UK Growth	72.55	77.59†		2.76
-do- Accum	80.46	85.60†	...	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01722 715935 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	71.32	76.51	+1.91	0.03
FP Am Smllr Cos	204.90	218.50†	+6.70	
FP Asian Growth	293.20	312.70†	+13.30	
FP Australian	460.70	491.40	-7.20	
FP Equity Dist	516.40	550.80†	-1.80	2.11
-do- Accum	£11.65	£12.42	-2.00	2.11
FP Euro Gth	347.10	370.20	+6.40	
-do- Accum	380.30	405.60	+6.50	
FP Intl Bond	56.00	59.25	+0.06	4.36
FP Inv Gth Dist	42.21	45.02	+0.50	
-do- Accum	62.00	66.13	+0.75	
FP Pac Basin Acc	227.30	242.40	-5.90	
FP Income #	66.53	70.96	-0.35	4.51
-do- Accum #	236.50	252.20	-1.20	4.51
FP Jap Smllr Cos	242.50	258.60	-3.50	
FP Monthly Dist #	81.52	86.35†	-0.53	5.13
FP Stlg Deposit	100.50	100.50†	+0.10	5.08
FP Tokyo	75.12	80.12	-0.85	
FP UK Focus	48.39	51.61†	+0.02	1.47
FP UK Growth	229.80	245.10	-0.40	1.76
-do- Accum	467.50	498.60	-1.00	1.76
Stewardship Dist	465.50	496.50†	-2.10	1.24
-do- Accum	582.30	621.70	-2.60	1.24
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	79.82	85.14†	-0.37	4.90
-do- Accum #	112.80	120.30	-0.50	4.90
N Am Stship Dist	143.50	153.00	+2.60	0.11
-do- Accum	154.40	164.60	+2.70	0.11
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	117.20	117.70	-0.50	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	117.30	117.70	-0.50	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grth Acc	140.60	149.50†	+0.40	0.69
Open Cap Gth Acc	143.00	152.10†	+1.10	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	127.60	135.70	-0.40	2.98
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	136.70	145.40	-0.30	2.98
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	131.60	140.00	-0.40	3.72
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	142.60	151.70	-0.40	3.72
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	337.50	358.10†	-0.40	1.61
Cash	49.40	50.14†	+0.02	4.55
Growth Portfolio	101.40	107.90	+0.10	
Income Portfolio	80.77	85.70†	-0.10	2.56
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	247.90	264.50	-3.10	0.49
Dividend	111.90	119.70	-0.10	3.58
Intl Gth & Inc	280.10	299.60	-1.10	1.38
UK & Gen	55.89	59.78	-0.08	1.19
Fund of Funds	80.91	86.43	-0.41	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smllr Cos	181.87	192.74	-2.47	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	237.71	252.82	-0.44	
North American	369.71	392.01	+4.52	
American Smllrs	183.22	195.29†	+1.87	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	173.00	182.10	+0.60	4.96
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	141.65	148.32†	+1.00	1.52
Capital	227.08	237.79	+0.80	1.54
Dollar	567.70	594.45	+7.73	..
Enterprise Gth	456.94	478.47	+2.43	0.77
European	330.97	338.10	-2.29	0.11
Far East	302.42	316.67	-0.54	0.53
Financial	£12.98	£13.60	+11.28	1.30
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.19	28.27†	+0.05	6.69
High Yield #	124.71	130.58†	+0.81	4.56
Income & Growth #	186.78	195.58†	+1.26	3.32
International	319.22	334.26	+0.27	0.31
Japanese General	182.89	191.50	-0.99	...
Japan Tech	83.25	87.17	+0.19	
Nat Resources	80.31	84.09†	+0.32	0.59
Portfolio	91.26	95.56†	+0.34	1.27
Special Sits	231.55	242.46	+0.78	0.07
UK Emerging Cos	137.90	144.39	-0.08	0.96
US Smaller Cos	161.79	169.42	+0.83	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers 0800 181 800 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	729.80	778.90	+3.20	4.35
UK Growth	803.20	857.20†	+2.30	1.44
High Income #	128.70	137.40†	+0.40	5.59
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	711.30	751.70†	+8.40	0.28
European Gwth	178.00	189.10	+0.20	0.19
Japan Gwth	260.90	277.10	-2.00	..
Japan Smllr Cos	27.95	29.83	-0.19	
Asian	63.56	67.83	+0.55	
Sing & Malay Gwth	85.60	91.35†	+0.27	
Hong Kong Gwth	212.10	226.10	+5.40	0.77
Global Bond	21.21	22.34	-0.08	4.90
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	194.50	195.50	+0.90	2.81
Tiger Index	134.62	138.10	+0.20	2.08
THE FOOTSIE FUND	78.22	78.61	+0.44	2.20
Index Funds-International				
American Index	342.50	344.20	+4.00	0.87
Eurotrack 100	231.80	233.00	-0.30	1.27
Japan Index	67.42	67.78	-0.68	0.10
Tiger Index	179.70	180.80	+0.80	0.08
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	55.41	57.87	-0.01	1.20
General Funds				
Managed Dist	97.61	101.90†	-0.30	1.01
Managed	101.10	105.60†	+0.30	1.01
[illegible]	122.10	127.30†	+0.60	1.81
UK Growth	80.05	83.60†	+0.23	1.46
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	98.28	102.60	+0.20	5.20
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.69	28.59	+0.09	7.48
UK Inc & Gwth	54.82	57.25†	+0.30	2.66
UK Income #	423.40	442.20†	+3.00	4.06
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	68.45	70.94	+0.82	..
Asian Smllr Cos	167.50	174.80	+2.30	
-do- Accum	169.30	176.60	+2.40	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Slater Grwth	276.80	291.30	+1.10	0.97
New Japan	84.55	89.26	-1.56	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	195.90	208.30	+1.40	
Income #	247.38	263.17	-0.38	3.94
UK Growth	95.12	101.19	+0.06	1.83
Intl Growth	95.94	102.06	-0.04	0.55
Ecology	111.24	118.33†	-0.17	0.88
European	242.30	257.76	-0.16	0.19
Far Eastern	329.00	349.90	+1.00	
UK Special Sits	60.42	64.44†	+0.03	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	58.52	62.42†	+0.33	
High Income #	56.31	60.00†	+0.11	4.66

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	93.24	99.20	-0.73	..
Master Trust	74.57	79.34	+0.18	1.25
-do- Accum	86.11	91.61	+0.20	1.25
Millennium Acc	108.80	115.80†	+1.60	2.09
N American Gth	280.80	298.80	+3.50	...
-do- Accum	324.99	345.70	+4.10	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	193.50	205.80	+0.90	
-do- Accum	197.50	210.20	+0.90	
Pacific Basin	247.50	263.30	-1.30	0.36
-do- Accum	263.60	280.70	-1.40	0.36
Safety First Acc	104.40	109.90	+0.30	1.81
Do until 12/1/98 ‡	99.27			
Small Cos Rec	553.10	582.30†	-0.40	1.66
-do- Accum	770.00	810.80	-0.70	1.66
UK Eq Gth	189.30	201.40	+1.10	2.30
UK Eq Inc #	149.10	158.70	+0.80	3.76
UK Growth	121.60	129.40	+0.70	1.54
-do- Accum	153.80	163.70	+0.90	1.54
Worldwide Gth	386.80	411.50	-0.40	0.28
-do- Accum	572.30	608.90	-0.40	0.28
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 873				
American	102.97	110.17	+0.95	0.60
General	122.34	131.26	+0.80	2.60
Income	82.90	88.94	+0.37	4.70
International	80.87	86.76	+0.14	0.50
Japan	52.16	55.92	-0.58	
Tst of Inv Trusts	83.21	89.28†	+0.31	0.90
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	580.60	621.40	+7.50	0.24
-do- Accum	737.50	778.70	+2.40	0.24
Amer Recovery	678.40	717.40†	+5.60	0.03
-do- Accum	784.60	829.70†	+6.60	0.03
Amer Smllr Cos	164.00	173.40	+2.20	
-do- Accum	167.50	177.10	+2.30	...
Australasian	231.60	244.90	+3.00	1.76
-do- Accum	293.70	310.50	+3.80	1.76
Capital	1051.90	1112.40	+2.00	2.74
-do- Accum	1269.00	1342.00	+3.40	2.74
Charifund	874.10	882.90†	+2.00	5.42
-do- Accum	4579.40	4728.20†	+11.10	5.42
Commodity	505.10	534.10	+3.00	0.45
-do- Accum	745.90	788.80	+4.50	0.45
Compound Grth	1208.70	1278.20†	+3.80	2.89
-do- Accum	1351.70	1429.40†	+4.30	2.89
Corporate Bond	26.97	27.06	+0.02	8.30
Dividend	48.40	51.20†		4.59
-do- Accum	223.10	235.90†		4.59
Equity Income	353.30	373.60		5.43
-do- Accum	500.56	529.40		5.43
Euro & General	739.00	781.50	-3.80	0.59
-do- Accum	949.10	1003.70	-4.90	0.59
Euro Dividend	92.00	97.30	-0.80	3.40
-do- Accum	118.00	124.90	-0.90	3.40
Euro Smllr Cos	58.60	62.00†	-0.10	0.50
-do- Accum	58.80	62.20†	-0.10	0.50
Extra Yield	519.10	548.90	+1.00	4.87
-do- Accum	1781.90	1884.40	+3.50	4.87
Fund of Inv Tsts	773.70	818.20†	+2.80	1.19
-do- Accum	1509.40	1596.20†	+5.00	1.19
General	78.40	82.90	+0.40	3.52
-do- Accum	235.20	248.90	+1.20	3.52
Gilt Income	63.98	64.08†	-0.03	6.40
-do- Accum	202.22	202.54†	-0.09	6.40
Gold	65.60	69.40		0.96
-do- Accum	78.70	83.20	-0.10	0.96
High Income	37.10	39.20	+0.10	4.45
-do- Accum	161.40	170.90	+0.60	4.45
Intl Growth	98.90	104.60		0.68
-do- Accum	175.20	185.30		0.68
International Inc	121.30	128.20†	+0.20	4.12

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	119.50	127.57†	-0.38	0.37
Intl Bond	62.04	65.18†	-0.26	4.77
Intl Equity Growth	94.09	99.98†	+0.16	0.45
N Amer Growth	155.82	165.51	+1.16	0.73
Special Sits Growth	31.93	33.96	+0.18	1.97
UK Growth	526.23	559.81†	+2.95	2.44
-do- Accum	734.03	780.88	+4.11	2.44
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01920 825887				
Balanced Fd #	1540.30	1582.90†	..	2.70
Income #	1118.00	1133.90	..	4.40

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	104.50	107.90	+0.30	6.66
Euro Pm Inc	117.20	124.70		2.75
-do- Accum	117.20	124.70		2.75
Gilt Yield	122.40	129.10	-0.20	6.36
Global Income	251.60	267.70†	+1.30	2.99
High Yield	185.88	197.70†	+1.80	4.72
-do- Accum	626.50	666.50†	+5.30	4.72
Money Market	99.93	99.93†	+0.04	5.66
Smlr Cos Div	65.68	69.87†	+0.02	3.70
Tomorrows Co Gr Acc	10.36	11.12	+0.05	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.80	189.90		4.03
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0800 363432				
High Inc #	98.64	101.70†	+0.30	8.46
M & S Inv Ptfolio	197.10	203.20	+0.40	2.35
-do- Accum	236.20	243.50	+0.40	2.35
UK Sel Ptfolo	179.30	184.90	+0.60	2.31
-do- Accum	218.30	225.10	+0.80	2.31
UK 100 Cos	139.00	139.00	+0.80	2.39
-do- Accum	142.50	142.50	+0.80	2.39
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	104.99	109.60†	+0.20	4.01
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	158.80	168.60	+0.90	1.16
European Growth	160.50	170.20	+0.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	105.80	112.20	-0.20	4.94
Income	118.30	125.90	-1.00	2.03
Japan Growth	44.87	47.56	+0.24	
Managed	94.00	100.00	+0.84	1.76
Money Market	98.50	104.40	+0.10	3.85
North American	124.80	132.30	+0.40	0.34
Midland FS/AVCS Unit Trust				
British	143.90	153.17	+0.80	1.15
European Growth	150.00	158.60	+0.88	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	99.21	105.20	-0.10	5.00
Income	117.30	124.80	+0.50	2.06
Japan Growth	44.70	47.38	+0.24	...
Managed	89.77	95.50	+0.20	1.74
Money Market	90.73	96.18	+0.07	3.82
North American	112.10	118.90	+0.40	0.41
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	142.60	151.70	+0.70	1.16
European Growth	147.30	156.10	+0.70	
Gilt & Fixed Int	89.30	94.71	-0.15	5.21
Income	113.90	121.20	+0.40	2.11
Japan Growth	46.02	48.78	+0.25	...
Managed	92.49	98.39	+0.27	1.76
Money Market	82.23	87.27	+0.05	3.59
North American	125.80	133.30	+0.40	0.31
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	519.30	550.60	+7.00	
European Gth Inc	642.30	685.00	-4.10	...
-do- Accum	649.30	692.50	-4.20	
Intl Gwth	259.10	274.40†	+0.40	...
UK Equity Inc	248.30	263.90†	+1.00	3.91
Do. Accum	343.90	365.60†	+1.50	3.91
UK Growth Inc	143.50	153.00	+0.48	3.10
-do- Accum	148.00	158.50	+0.60	3.10
UK Ind Tndr Inc	223.80	238.00	+1.10	2.83
-do- Accum	278.70	297.40	+1.40	2.83
US Eq Ind Trc Inc	330.00	348.50	+3.80	0.96
Japan Tracker	53.09	56.55†	-0.51	
Asian Tracker	230.60	249.90†	+1.30	0.28
Mngd Ptflo Inc	207.90	221.50	+0.50	1.61
Mngd Ptflo Acc	228.20	243.10	+0.50	1.61
Deposit Inc	100.19	100.19†	+0.05	5.89
Europa	278.50	298.50	+0.29	...
Germany	223.30	241.30†		2.35
High Income	21.29	22.57†	+0.02	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 838				
Acumen	119.40	122.00†	+0.10	1.86
Acumen Inc	107.40	109.89†	+0.10	1.86
Acumen Reserve	101.20	102.20†	+0.40	6.71
-do- Inc	75.85	76.71†	+0.29	6.71
American Growth	77.74	79.83	+0.49	...
Equity Income #	119.50	122.70	+0.30	3.69
European	99.12	100.90	-0.60	0.13
Smaller Cos	102.00	106.80	+0.10	0.97
W'wide Eqty	86.13	87.93†	-0.23	...
Global Bond	41.52	41.97†	-0.23	4.80
UK Growth	129.50	133.20†	+0.20	1.18
Pacific Growth	119.40	122.60	+0.60	0.55
Japan Growth	91.28	92.82	+0.10	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Amps Equity	170.54	181.43	+0.75	2.27
For N&P see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	160.20	170.60	+0.40	1.50
-do- Accum	178.80	190.30	+0.50	1.50
Technology	724.40	770.70	+8.30	
UK Blue Chip	103.40	110.00	+0.70	2.66
-do- Accum	121.90	129.60	+0.90	2.66
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 835500				
Managed Tst	58.22	62.04	+0.44	1.35
Cash Haven Inc	101.63	102.52†	+0.04	5.27
Cash Haven Acc	121.92	122.52	+0.05	5.23
Dist Trust Inc	113.31	117.42†	+0.25	5.33
Dist Trust Acc	131.48	136.23	+0.29	5.33
Global Growth	117.37	124.78	+0.26	0.09
Equitydex	97.22	102.44†	+0.23	4.12
Equity	£10.09	£10.74†	+4.52	2.09
European	310.06	327.52†	-0.65	0.58
High Income	100.55	106.97	+0.20	4.75
Intl Eqty	243.65	258.26	+0.39	0.76
Intl Sm Co	103.55	110.16	+0.19	0.44
Japanese	186.88	193.66	-3.54	
Mgd Income Tst #	50.04	51.73	+0.08	7.79
Nth Amer	279.66	289.71†	+2.61	0.06
Pacific Mkts	119.00	120.21	+0.50	0.58
Premier Inc	48.94	50.93†	+0.05	8.48
Sml Cos	113.68	120.94†	+0.13	1.89
Spec Sits	143.35	152.50	+0.56	2.25
UK Growth	170.64	181.53	+0.83	2.11
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	92.25	97.00	-1.85	3.32
Investment Trust	127.89	134.27	-0.17	0.56
UK Smaller Cos	119.06	125.19	+2.44	1.37
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	388.70	413.40	+2.80	2.45
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	780.14	837.22	+2.58	..
America (Acc)	925.91	988.97	+3.49	..
Amer Smllr Cos	68.52	72.95	+0.82	
Asia	54.87	58.82	+0.40	...
European	476.85	508.14	-1.99	0.02
Japan	207.39	220.65	-3.28	..
Jap Smllr Cos	32.49	34.70	-0.38	
Major UK Cos	137.67	146.69	+0.68	1.57
Smllr UK Cos	449.63	482.67	+1.71	0.81
UK Equity Inc #	205.36	219.70†	+0.21	3.62
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	52.86	55.20	+0.42	..
Cash	48.49	48.59		2.92
Emerging Mkts	54.59	57.01	+0.34	..
Europe	72.33	75.54	+0.43	..
Global Fixed Int #	49.83	52.04	-0.02	5.88
Japan	38.62	40.33	+0.10	..
North America	75.08	78.41	+0.45	..
UK	73.99	77.27	-0.04	0.44
UK Equity Inc #	69.55	72.63	+0.03	3.31
UK Fixed Int #	52.83	55.17	-0.06	6.95
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	56.38	58.42	+0.15	..
Pep Inc Port #	56.16	58.19	+0.06	2.76
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	92.88	97.78	+0.05	..
Gilt	108.97	114.69	+0.13	..
Managed	132.22	139.17	+0.44	..
Portfolio	55.35	58.26	+0.09	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	382.30	404.60	+1.00	2.37
Europe Inc	563.20	595.70	-3.50	0.52
Nth Amer Inc	358.60	379.30	+1.50	
Global Inc	280.20	298.30	-0.80	0.35
Global Acc	302.40	320.60	-0.20	0.35
UK Spec Sits Inc	150.00	158.50	+0.20	1.73
South East Asia	217.90	228.00	-1.50	0.14
Cash Trust Inc	102.10	102.10	+0.10	5.65
UK Smllr Cos Inc	129.60	136.90		1.78
-do- Accum	137.10	144.90		1.78
Intl Bond Inc	89.73	94.36	-0.50	4.66
International Stat	87.87	93.05	+0.40	
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	187.80	197.70	-0.90	0.37
Nth American	157.30	165.60	+0.60	
Intl Bond & Conv	129.00	135.80†	+0.90	6.41
Pocket Pension (2)	263.80	283.70†	+1.40	1.91
Smaller Cos	125.50	132.10†	-0.70	0.86
UK General #	188.60	198.50†	-0.80	2.29
Far Eastern	90.25	95.00	+0.21	0.19
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 5226				
Continental	104.80	110.70	-0.30	0.07
Global Gwth	88.02	93.26	+0.34	1.09
Inv Tst Port	61.42	65.33	+0.22	2.32
Managed	£14.74	£15.46		7.52
Pref Inc #	109.80	116.80†	+0.10	5.81
Smaller Cos	298.70	317.70	-0.30	0.79
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	107.95		+0.20	4.57
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.88		+0.08	5.26
Corporate Inc ‡	102.50		+0.04	5.24
Tai Pan ‡	119.53		+1.37	
Aztec ‡	81.59		+0.39	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	151.12		+2.42	..
European ‡	187.25		-0.45	
Global Bond ‡	97.60		+0.29	7.06
Samurai ‡	54.03		-0.53	
UK Growth ‡	119.47		+0.67	2.59
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	105.65		-0.17	3.02
Investment Trust ‡	120.69		+0.27	7.23
The Football Fd ‡	91.86		-0.63	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	98.09			
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	452.30	478.60	+2.30	
Capital	161.50	170.90	+1.00	1.30
Cash	100.84	100.84	+0.01	5.70
European	189.98	200.80†	+2.10	0.42
Far Eastern	167.60	177.30	+2.40	
Growth	188.00	198.90	+0.70	1.24
Income #	151.20	160.00		4.70
Mngmt	170.40	180.70	+0.80	1.57
Smllr Secs	636.50	673.50	+3.30	0.60
[illegible]	198.50	210.00	+1.10	1.24
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 435080				
Capital Reserve	59.87	63.99	-0.01	7.00
Ethical	89.98	95.16	+0.20	0.34
European Growth	93.92	99.59	-0.29	
Income	67.43	72.11	+0.13	3.20
Intl Growth	120.60	127.80†	+0.70	0.05
Managed	104.10	110.30	+0.30	0.29
UK Growth	85.98	91.95	+0.22	1.28
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	51.76	52.02	+0.30	1.24
Global Advtg Acc	58.58	58.87	+0.40	1.24

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
459	407½	Allied Domecq†	449	-2½	6.6	13.5
626	527½	Bulmer (HP)	527½	..	3.2	15.7
75½	56	Burn Stewart	56½	..	7.5	14.1
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	940	..	1.6	..
613	425½	Grand Met	596½	+3½	3.5	19.0
615	424	Guinness	596	+7	3.4	17.0
380	321½	Highland Distl	332½	+2	3.2	15.6
336	257	Matthew Clark	263½	+1	11.4	12.6
109½	72½	Morydown W	72½	..	7.8	9.8
1978½	1482½	SA Breweries	1768½	+12½	2.2	..

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4706½	3671½	ABN-AMRO	4418½	-25	2.6	18.2
971	710	Abbey Nat	944½	+12	3.5	18.7
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	627½	-10½	3.2	15.4
470	388½	Allied Irish	470	+3½	3.8	..
409½	363½	Aus New Z	400	+9½	4.7	—
7678½	5753½	Bank America	7221½	+121½		
428½	281½	Bank Scotland†	408½	+6½	2.5	12.4
1299	878½	Barclays	1277	+32½	3.1	12.6
703½	517½	Bk of Ireland	684½	-8½	3.3	..
7890½	6006½	Citicorp	7237½	+6½	..	..
1759½	1269½	Commerzbk	1750	-9½	2.5	..
862½	559½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	728½	-6½	0.6	..
3593½	2709½	Deutsche Bk	3587½	+12½	1.8	
1059½	756½	Espirito Santo	1059½	+49½	3.2	
872½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	805½	-1½	0.6	
1884½	1272½	HSBC	1884½	+40½	2.7	16.3
1814½	1241	HSBC HK	1813½	+38	2.8	16.7
610	493½	Irish Perm	595	..	2.7	..
838	424	Lloyds TSB	836½	+18½	2.6	20.6
888½	685½	Nat Aust Bk	888½	+5½	4.7	11.8
844½	663½	Nat West	785½	-5½	4.6	11.8
663½	508	Ryl Bk Scott	628½	+16	3.9	13.5
1046	681	Stand Chart†	1009½	+½	1.8	18.1
£164½	£104½	Wells Fargo	£164½	..	1.9	..
374½	315½	Westpac	337½	..	4.6	..

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	781½	Bass	805½	+1	4.0	15.0
68½	50½	Brit Inc for the Bld A	51½		4.2	14.1
205	155½	Burtonwood Brw	155½		4.5	14.0
155½	123	City Centre Rest†	125½		2.5	20.8
744½	612½	Compass Gp	674½	+8½	1.7	24.7
305	250	Eldridge P 'A'	305		2.3	16.7
485	435	Fuller Sm 'A'	467½		2.5	15.6
586	479½	Greenalls Grp	480	-1½	4.2	11.8
750	642½	Greene King	646½	+3	3.1	15.9
237½	164½	Grosvenor Inns	188½		4.1	18.0
295	278½	Groupe Chez Ger	257½		1.4	25.3
298½	271½	Hardy Hanson	272½	-3	4.9	12.4
2850	2700	Holt JI	2825		2.6	15.6
78	83½	Inn Business	87½		2.9	
357	343	Mansfield	352½		2.2	18.2
315½	252	Mrdton Thmp	274		3.4	10.2
615	526½	Morland	526½	-4	3.0	13.9
266½	210	Old Eng Pub†	244	-6½	1.8	
47½	31½	Paramount	33	-½	..	
820½	527½	PizzaExpress	660½		0.5	43.1
437½	337½	Ramsdens (H)	387½	+2½	1.6	38.6
378½	284	Regent Inns	327½		1.0	31.3
712½	639½	Scot & New	697	-3	3.6	21.1
289	248½	Vaux Group	277		4.9	12.3
1287½	1105	Wetherspoon JD	1280	+5	0.8	28.6
819	738½	Whitbread†	802½	-10	3.7	14.0
706½	627½	Wolvrhmptn D	646½	+1½	3.3	14.2
493½	419½	Yates Bros	490		1.0	31.7
645	615	Young 'A'	642½		3.0	25.6

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465½	387½	Electrocomponts	402½	+2	2.2	24.4
226½	130½	Eurodis Elec	139½		4.4	19.9
97½	78½	European Mtr	84½		7.8	8.6
253	220	Evans Halshaw	229		9.0	
53½	40½	Fife Indmar	42		9.8	8.4
387½	322½	Finelist Grp	344		2.4	17.5
34½	26½	Gardiner	26½	-1	4.5	10.1
79½	57½	Glencheiwton	64		2.6	12.5
110	82½	Gowrings	104	-1	3.6	23.6
15½	11	HR Owen	14		5.9	12.7
103	82	Hamlett	91½	-½	8.3	8.5
267½	239½	Harris (Philip)	242½		4.5	14.8
320½	284½	Headlam	310		2.4	20.2
156½	145	Holders Tech	156	+7½	5.2	14.2
240½	208	ISA Intl	232½		1.5	18.8
308½	240½	Inchcape†	269½	-8½	4.5	17.7
72	48½	Jacks (Wm)†	65½	+4½	4.3	10.1
256	214½	Kwik-Fit	254½	-1	2.8	18.3
369	316½	Lex Service	359½	-3	5.6	11.9
122	100	Lookers	103	+1½	8.7	6.9
9	5½	Micklthwn	8½		1.2	12.6
41½	27½	Midstates†	28		2.1	
472	202	Nedalin	202	-2	6.0	5.0
165½	131½	Northumber	144½		1.2	8.6
352½	305½	Pancov	328½	-1	3.0	17.2
404½	342½	Pendragon	361½	-1	3.4	16.7
223½	187½	Perry Gp†	187½	+½	6.0	8.9
751	455	Premier Farnell†	482½	-1	3.1	17.8
152½	124½	Quicks Group†	145½	+1	8.0	9.9
348	387½	REA†	346		1.4	42.6
2½	1½	Rance	2½		..	26.2
28	16½	Ronson	17		11.0	5.9
4	2½	Ross Gp	3½	..		
109½	78½	Rybrad	98	+½	5.2	17.2
38	24	SEP Ind†	27½		8.0	7.3
92½	51½	Salkin	51½		3.0	
415½	354	Time Products	380½		4.2	
300	228	UNIECO	300		2.0	21.5
77½	58	United Dsess Gp	74	+½		18.0
352½	282½	Vardy (Reg)	309½		2.8	13.8
677	406½	WF Elect	673		2.5	24.4
41	30½	Wilshaw	31½		3.4	9.2
172½	140½	Wyko	142		2.3	16.6
154½	119½	Young (H)	143½		3.8	12.1

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
420	327½	Antofagasta†	400		1.6	
328	269	Ascot Hldgs†	271	+1	2.4	
917	780	Broken Hill	887½	-20½	2.7	20.6
289	208	BTR†	209	-8	5.7	9.0
579	482	BAT†	563½	-5½	5.8	12.0
195½	139	Bibby (J)	190½	+2	3.6	10.2
60½	53½	Brierley Inv	57½	-1½	8.2	9.5
856½	715	Charter	819½	-½	4.5	11.6
268	210	Cookson†	240	+1	4.5	15.0
228½	198½	Cosalt	216½		6.1	9.2
352½	255½	DCC†	352½	+2	2.8	
141	115½	Grampian Hdg	138½		5.6	
140½	101½	Hanson Caffet	109	+1	10.3	10.3
510½	423½	Hutch Whamp	505½	+1½	2.0	28.9
438½	375	Imperial Tobacco	396½	-6	6.4	7.8
422	331	Jardine Math†	421½	+4½	3.6	
158½	123	Lonrho	143½	-1	4.1	13.0
175½	148½	McLeod Russel	150	+1½	5.8	11.7
446½	388½	Powell Duffryn	442½		7.1	17.4
145	113½	Ropner	145		3.0	
190	153½	Staveley	165	+2½	6.9	11.9
602½	448½	Swire Pacific	508½	-8	2.8	
372½	327½	TT Group	365	+3½	2.6	16.1
296½	262½	Tomkins	271	-4½	4.8	13.5
210	165	Unitaw	167½		10.6	7.9
498	407½	Wardle Storeys†	431	-1	5.7	16.1
387½	308½	Wassall	337½	-2	2.2	20.7
168½	127½	Whitecroft	129	+½	4.8	10.3
345½	294½	Williams Hldg†	305½	+2½	6.2	12.8

ELECTRICITY

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
47½	30	Simon Eng	44			
227½	119½	Six Hundred	132½	-1½	4.5	2.6
832½	738½	Smiths Inds	763½	-3	2.7	18.6
737½	638½	Spirax-Sarco	701½	-1	2.6	18.5
303½	251½	Sterling Ind	253	-2½	4.4	12.7
594½	515	TI†	552½	-2½	3.3	18.4
113½	101½	Tinsley (E)	103½	+1	7.1	10.7
120½	95½	TransTec	102½		2.9	14.3
208½	165	Triplex Lloyd	165	-2½	5.3	9.3
167½	150½	Unicorn Ind	160½		4.9	9.5
77½	48½	Utd Indst	56	-½	4.5	19.1
273½	199½	Vickers	221½	-5	4.1	13.2
10½	8½	Vitters Grp	9½	+½		
712½	585	Vitec†	586½	-½	2.6	10.7
952	790½	Vosper Thorny	806½		4.1	12.7
350	250	Wagon Ind	251		9.8	7.7
263½	202½	Weir†	247½	+2½	4.0	14.2
299½	230	Wellington Hdg	232½		4.4	13.7
33	23½	Wellman	24½		9.3	5.3
61½	45½	Wescoll	53½		2.6	17.8
683	525	Whatman	670		2.5	20.2
65½	30½	Widney	32½		13.5	9.8

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
140	118	Adwest	118		8.3	16.6
197	186	Airflow Stream	193½	-3½	5.3	
757	645	Avon Rubber	645	-12½	3.9	13.2
107	87½	BSG	101½		4.6	13.6
285	227½	Bostrom†	282½		3.1	11.7
16½	16½	Brocade	16½			
782	657½	First Tech	756		1.6	22.4
1039½	907	GKN	1007½		3.3	
3853½	3265½	General Mtr	3537½	+31½	3.5	
585½	416½	Healys	455	+8½	4.1	10.7
2051	1540½	Honda Motor	1879½	+5½	0.4	
413½	344½	Laird	383½		4.2	11.0
228	183	LucasVarity	198½		0.0	19.7
165½	131	Mayflower	151	+2½	1.9	28.5
172½	147½	Sytpre	147½		5.0	10.8
179	127	T & N†	133½	+½	5.8	
85½	32½	Toad	42½	+2		
339½	244	Trinity Hldgs	255½		4.5	12.1

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
567½	454	AB Food	566½	+1½	2.1	18.7
311½	271½	Acatos & Hutch	304		4.4	25.2
45½	38½	Albert Fisher†	39	-½	12.0	9.3
320	275	Banks (S C)	304		4.6	11.5
405	322	Barr (AG)	376½		2.9	20.4
43	30	Bensons Crsp	34	+½	3.7	8.5
402	302½	Booker†	308½	-1	9.6	
31½	20½	Borthwick	25		6.5	31.6
220	95	CPL Aromas	103½	-1½	6.2	5.2
569½	464	Cadbury-Schw	551	-2½	3.9	15.1
104½	82½	Canadian Pizza	97½	-2	6.4	11.3
335	300	Carrs Milling†	300		4.6	8.9
81½	60	Carnaghan	66		7.0	
266½	203½	Clarswick	266		4.9	
225	195½	Dairy Crest Group	214	+½	5.3	10.6

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
94	78½	Edin Dragon	82½	+½		
30	24	Edinburgh Inca	29½			
191	343½	Edinburgh IT	389½	+½	3.5	
132½	102½	Edin Japan	129½			
502	420½	Electra Inv	486	+1	2.2	45.4
267½	80½	English Nat	224	-5	0.2	
156½	144½	Eng & Scot	152½	+½	2.5	39.7
406½	372	European Asset	396½	+1½	1.5	
108½	90½	Fidelity Asian Val	106	+1½		
260½	218½	Fidelity Euro Val	259		0.2	
47½	36	Fidelity Jap Val	46		0.3	
136½	126	Fidelity Spec Val	131½			
236½	205½	Finsbury A	211½		2.3	47.6
200½	162½	Fine Art Chile†	195½	+½	1.6	
28½	21	Fine Art Wts	22½			
458	375½	Fleming Amer	454	+5½	0.8	
87	66	Fleming Chinese	83½	+½	0.7	
34	24½	Fleming Ch Wts	27½			
352½	280½	Fleming Claver†	350½		2.3	45.8
450	381	Fleming Cont	446	+½	1.1	
142½	113	Fleming Em Mkts	136½		0.2	
253	227½	Fleming Entp	248	-½	2.7	31.4
283½	253½	Fleming F East	278½	+½	0.6	
423½	394½	Fleming Fledg	394½	-½	0.6	
110½	103½	Fleming Ing Inct	107½	+½	11.0	11.1
181	117	Fleming Ing Cap	180½			
51½	43½	Fleming Indian	50½			
22	15	Fleming In Wts	16½			
208½	167½	Fleming Japan	205½	-½		
384½	335½	Fleming Merc	374	+½	3.0	33.9
114½	102½	Fleming Mid Res	104½		0.6	
361	321½	Fleming Overst†	361	+3	1.6	74.2
160½	139½	Fleming Smlr Co	150		3.8	31.6
164½	147½	Foreign & Col	163½	+1	1.7	56.2
97½	91½	F&C Inc Grth†	93	-½	4.8	
110½	85	F&C Emg Mkts	108½	+1		
149½	123	F&C Enterprise	146½	+1	2.0	49.0
344½	295½	F&C Eurotst	341	-½	0.5	
158½	133½	F&C German†	156½	+½	0.5	
167½	145½	F&C Pacific†	166½	+1	1.4	79.4
149½	142½	F&C PEP†	146	+½	3.6	33.7
185½	166½	F&C Smaller†	174½		1.9	
145½	122½	F&C US Smlr	145½	+3		
62½	54	Framlin Inc	54		11.3	9.8
87½	60½	Framlin Cap	84½			
70½	40½	Framl Dual Cp	69			
24	11	Fulcrum Cap	23½			
29	21½	Fulcrum Inc	22½		48.0	2.1
182	175½	Fulcrum Zero	181½			
258½	245½	Gartmore Brit†	257½		4.4	
263	234	Gartmore Ent†	261	+1½	2.0	
230½	190½	Gartmore Euro	228	-1½	0.8	
100½	77½	Gartmore Shrd	96	-½	13.0	9.8
371½	319½	G'more Smlr Cos†	340	-½	2.1	63.3
47	35½	Geared Inc Ord†	47	+½	11.5	
50½	17½	Geared Inc Inc†	46½		11.6	
232½	183½	Genl Cons Cap	229			
109	101½	Genl Inc	106	-½	12.0	9.9
135	103½	German Inv	131½		0.5	
266½	219½	Gov Asn Sm Dos	239		0.3	
115	92½	Gov Emg Mks	107	+½	0.4	
207½	157½	Govett Am Smlr	187½	+3½		
87½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	81½			
85½	71½	Govett High Inc†	77		9.1	13.3
173½	153½	Govett Oriental†	165	-1½	0.5	
369½	339½	Govett Strategic†	353	-1½	2.6	41.9
12½	9	Gresham House	12½			2.3
125½	106½	GT Inc Growth†	116½	+½	3.5	
223½	168½	GT Japan	217½	-½	1.0	
103	92½	Guin Fl Ex Inc	102½		9.4	12.3
44½	35½	INVESCO Tokyo	43½			
94½	80½	J Fry 2nd Ut	91½	-½	10.2	12.4
99½	82½	J Fry Euro U	98½	+½	5.6	15.8
162½	119	JF Fledg Jap	154½			
108½	92½	Jupiter Ex Inct	100	+½	9.8	9.9
14½	3½	Jupiter Ex IncWt	10			
86	76½	Jupiter Gbl Cap	81½		11.9	10.0
37	31	Jupiter Gbl Pfd	37			
135½	120½	Jupiter Intl Gro	130½		3.7	
359	293	Kleinwt Chrt	358½	+2	2.6	53.2
116½	98½	Kleinwt E Mkt	107½	+½		
170½	153½	Kleinwt End	162½			
99	74	Kleinwt H Inc	97½	+2	13.4	10.1
315½	261	Kleinwt O'seas	315½	+2½	1.6	60.5
188½	171	Kleinwt Smlr	181½	-½	2.5	48.5
387	264½	Korea—Euro	297½	+3½	0.4	
141½	98½	Latin American	141½	+2½		
1033	902½	Law Debenture	1017½		3.1	30.8
115	103½	Life Off Opp	108½	+½		
133	122½	Lloyds Sm Cap	129½			
25½	20½	Lloyds Sm Div	21½		23.9	5.3
158½	145	Lloyds Sm Pkg	151		3.4	
168½	159½	Lon St Lawrence	166½		4.7	26.7
325½	295	Lowland†	311	+½	4.5	24.2
735	635	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	707½			
85	75½	M&G 2nd Dual In	79			2.9
3460	3300	M&G Dual Cap#	3400			
230	167½	Murray SC Cap	230			
73½	67½	Murray SC Inc†	67½		23.4	5.1
3850	3150	Murray SC Ulst	3750			
465½	419	Murray Small	458½	+4½	1.4	67.7
402½	387	Murray Vent	395		4.7	22.1
424½	353½	O Seas Inv Tst†	423½	+2½	1.1	
223½	156½	O Seas Wts	222	-2½		
136	97½	Pacific Assets	101	-1	0.5	
113	98	Perp Inc Grth	111½	+1	4.1	
54½	41	Perpetual Jap	51	-½		
366½	316½	Perp Uk Sm Co	322½		3.7	29.3
£145½	£128½	Personal Assets	£145½	-200	2.0	
128½	109½	Pilot Inv	123		2.2	45.9
134½	113½	Prolific Inc	130½		4.9	27.6
253½	229	RIT Cap Ptnr	251½	+½	0.8	
542½	475½	Robeco†	511½	-3	2.2	
551½	437	Rolinco†	537½	-3	1.1	
108½	67½	Schrod Asia Pac	92	+1	0.3	
95½	79	Schrod Emg Gnl	86½	+½		
137½	117½	Schrod Inc Grth	136½		3.7	25.9
69½	51	Schrod Jap Grth	69	+½		
512½	410	Schrod Korea	452½	-½		
29	19½	Schrod Spilt Cap	28½			
115½	105	Schrod Split Inc†	107		9.8	12.1
146½	142½	Schrod Split Zero	146½			
140½	126½	Schrod UK Grth	136	-½	2.8	38.6
201½	176½	Schrod Vent Intl	177½			
308½	273½	Scot	308½	-3	2.5	49.7
184½	169½	Scot Amercant	178½	-1½	2.7	35.7
311½	249½	Scot Asian	252½	-1½		
665	560	Scot Wts	570			
113½	98½	Scot Eastern	113½	+½	2.1	49.9
312½	275½	Scot Mtge	312½	+1½	3.1	45.1
100½	93	Scot Nat Tst	99½	+½	10.7	11.5
126½	117½	Scot Value	129	+½	2.0	60.3
2125	1969	Second Alnce	2092½	+7½	2.9	41.2
113	95½	Secs Tst of Scott	109½		4.2	
156½	133½	Shires Smbl	150½		5.0	24.2
138½	137½	Smaller Cos	135½		2.9	40.3
385	356	St Andrew Inv	368½	-1	3.2	35.2
421	377½	Temple Bar	421	-2	4.8	24.0
82½	76½	Throgmorton	81½		3.5	38.9
157½	131	Trtogn Emg Mkt	152½	+½	0.8	
204½	175½	TR City of Lon†	203½	-½	2.9	31.4
177½	133	TR Euro Growth	175½		1.3	
182½	160½	TR Far East†	169½	-1½	5.0	25.6
119½	105½	TR Pacific	109½	+1	0.3	
42½	34½	TR Property†	42½	-½	2.0	
244½	214½	TR Smlr Cos	233½		2.2	41.4
363	323	TR Tech Inv	361½	+3½	3.5	45.2
284½	206½	Turkey Trust	257	-1½	1.8	53.6
163½	147	Undervalued Ast	157		1.9	
151½	137	Value Inc Tst	149½	+½	3.9	
99	75	Value Real	89	-½		
107½	86½	Voyageur Eur Smr	107	+1	0.7	
37½	30½	Worrants & Val	37½			
90	77½	Wigmore†	90		1.7	57.0
299½	263	Witan	299	+1	2.8	42.1
83½	76½	Yeoman Inc	78½		24.0	5.0

LEISURE & HOTELS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
91½	75½	ABI Leis	90		6.8	6.8
1063½	797	Airtours†	1063½	-11	2.0	20.6
59½	30½	Alld Leis	33	-½	3.1	13.1
59½	41½	Arcadian†	52½	-1	2.9	23.9
167½	137½	BS Group†	147½			
23	23½	Kunick	23½	-½	3.7	15.4
259	217½	Ladbroke†	243	-3½	3.2	26.8
419	298½	London Clubs	406½		2.6	25.0
231	172½	Macdonald Hls	172½		2.9	18.8
733½	572½	Man Utd	620	+1	1.1	28.3
91	68½	Mandarin Orntl	71½		5.4	
412½	347½	Millennium & Cop	391½	-1	1.5	16.5
144½	114	Newcastle Utd	114	-2½	1.8	
280	191½	Northern†	270½	-3	2.4	24.1
188½	117½	Prism Leisure	172½	+1	4.4	9.4
38	29½	Queensborough†	31	-1½	1.2	12.1
16½	12½	Queens Moat	14½	-½		9.7
458½	409	Rank Grp	432½	-7	4.9	34.4
47	40½	Regal Hotels Ict	46½		5.0	
1600	1405	Savoy Hotel A	1597½	+15	1.4	
111½	42½	Sealfield United	45	-20		
260½	184½	Sinclair (Wm)	256	+8½	4.0	14.6
153½	47	Southampton	30½	-11	1.4	
110½	95½	Stakis	97		2.8	15.9
320	249½	Stanley Leisure	306		1.4	30.4
11	6	Tandem	7½			
346	346	Tanjong	346		1.4	22.9
210	164	Thistle Hotels	166½	-1½	2.8	16.3
142	101½	Tottenham Hot	105½		0.9	18.1
115½	93½	Toy Options	100½		4.4	8.1
280½	234½	VCI†	249½		3.9	12.6
127½	94	Vardon	116	+2½	2.0	16.6

MINING

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
7000	3316½	Ang Am Coal	4296½	+3½	3.2	
2825½	2165½	Ang Am	3631½	-6½	2.3	14.7
4440½	4059½	Ang Am Gold	4187½	+31½	4.9	
20½	16½	Anglo Pac Res	17			

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BRITISH FUNDS

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David Crawford introduces a special report on the strength of inward investment and relocation services in Britain

All's fair and square

Evans: SERIO chairman

For the first time, 1997 is due to see all the UK's regions operating on a level playing field when it comes to attracting inward investment. *The opening* on April 1 of the East of England Investment Agency (EEIA), and the planned start-up by the end of the year of the equivalent South East Regional Investment Office (SERIO), after London First, will com*plete the coverage of the UK* map with Government-funded support agencies.

Acting as the regional arms of the Department of Trade and Industry's Invest in Britain Bureau, these agencies play a crucial role. *In 1996, for* example, the UK secured 482 inward investment successes, spread round the country, which represent the creation of 47,802 *jobs* and a further 49,285 jobs safeguarded — a total of *97,087*, up *on the* previous year's figure of 92,209.

Leading sources of investment were the US (40,979 jobs), *Germany (10,236) and* Japan (7,732). Evidence of Japanese confidence in the UK comes from such significant recent reinvestments as Mat*sushita's decision to spend* £75 million on modernising its plant at Port Talbot, South Wales, where it plans to produce nine million car radios a year by 2001; *and automo*tive component manufacturer Koyo UK's commitment to double the size of its distribution base on Commission for *the New Towns land in Milton* Keynes.

Against the background of successes like these, however, supposedly affluent regions *have been missing out in an* increasingly competitive marketplace. Despite, for example, the presence of more than 1,400 foreign-owned companies, including Hewlett Packard and Toshiba, the east *of England has recently been* attracting only 3 per cent of inward investments secured by the UK.

The current three-year challenge for EEIA chief executive James Gray, backed by well over £1 million per year in funding, is to achieve an 8 per *cent share in tune with the* region's share of UK population and GDP. Coming from the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board, where *Mr Gray was responsible* for international marketing and investment, the challenge *should* be well within his grasp.

In *SERIO*, a key area of concern for the chairman Tim Evans, who recently retired as deputy chairman of engineering giant Foster Wheeler, is *leakage from the Thames* Valley. The consequent loss of growth-related benefits, as well as attracting new employment, is a balancing act which all the UK's inward investment agencies are anxious to be seen performing well; London First Centre, for example, estimates that international investment confirmed in the capital last year will safeguard nearly *1,200 existing jobs as* well as creating over 2,400.

Meanwhile, office decentralisation from Central London has now reached an interest*ing stage where the pattern* until the end of the decade is likely to be one of a handful of moves involving large numbers of jobs. The pattern was *set in 1996, when a record* low of just seven decentralisations meant the displacement of more than twice as many jobs as in the previous year.

Half of these were accounted for by the Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive relocation to Bristol, and another quarter by British Telecom *shifting* 1,400 jobs to Stockley Park, near Heathrow Airport, as part of its continuing programme of premises organisation. Closer in, London Docklands added to its high-profile scalps with Trade Indemnity's decision to transfer nearly 500 jobs from more central locations.

The volume of central area space abandoned in these moves split almost equally between the City and West End, *with Chris Joliffe, the* Jones Lang Wootton research partner, warning that "*evidence of future decentralisa*tion intentions points to a *disproportionately* larger loss for the City as some major financial players put their *relocation plans into effect*". This threat is, however, already being compensated for by Chesterton's finding that ten major US financial groupings, *including* investment banks Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch, are currently looking for an additional 1.4 million sq ft of space — *up nearly two thirds on their* present occupancy figures.

The main benefits of outward moves continue to be western areas of Greater London and the southeast. An interesting new phenomenon, however, is the resistance to decentralising tendencies of specialist submarkets such as the publishing and design quarter of Covent Garden, *and the trade concentration in* the E1 postal district.

Underlying these shifts, the relocation industry is becoming increasingly sophisticated. Recognising *the growing im*portance of personal factors, for example, Hambro Countrywide Relocation and property consultants Hillier Parker have *joined* forces to create LOCATE, an integrated consultancy formed to manage the relocation of both people and premises.

Again, *industry profession*als like Oliver Jones of busi*ness* centre operators Regus sees advances in communications technology and video conferencing as calling into question the need for traditionally large, long-term space commitments.

"In all sectors," he says, "tenants want space in the right, but potentially changing, locations on flexible terms, reflecting their businesses."

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Welcoming Sumitomo: Elfed Evans, of the WDA, and Taiji Oku, of SEI Interconnect Products (UK)

Industries flock to Wales

Attracting inward investment is becoming a *more and more* competitive business. Ten years ago, there were fewer development agencies and more large scale relocation projects.

But today, as the Welsh Development Agency's international director, *Hilary* Hendy, puts it: "We are having to run faster to stand still.

"Central and Eastern European countries are increasingly appearing on relocating companies' shortlists. And the Government's plan to establish development agencies in the regions of England will make competition even more intense. Already, without them, there are 650-odd agencies in Europe chasing inward investors."

Despite *this*, however, Wales continues to make progress. 1996-97 was a record year, dominated by Far Eastern relocations. In January, for example, *Sumitomo* of Japan unveiled a £2.8 million cable manufacturing plant at Port Talbot, creating 80 jobs. And in February, Hoya invested £10 *million* to double the capacity of its plastic spectacle lens facility at Wrexham.

This trend is expected to continue in 1997-98. Korean-owned *suppliers* are being encouraged to move to Wales in *the wake of L. G., and more* resident Japanese companies are expected to expand.

Toyota has unveiled a £60 million investment that will double the capacity of its Deeside engine plant. And Matsushita is developing a £13 million car audio manufacturing operation at Port Talbot *that will create 285 new jobs*.

The Pacific Rim is further represented by Cortex, the Australian medical company, which is establishing a *£600,000 diagnostic kits man*ufacturing facility in North Wales. "This year we also expect an increase in interest from Europe and the United *States as those regions become* more active in relocation terms," Hilary Hendy says.

Growth in activity from these regions emerged during the final quarter of 1996-97 when 13 out of the 17 inward *investment projects came from* Europe and America.

They include European car components manufacturers and six American companies, *whose products range* from aeroplanes to chemicals. Together they have *injected* £79 million into the economy and created 1,000 new jobs.

They *include a company* new to the UK, Gate Spa of Italy, which announced a £2 million radiator factory at Llantrisant that will create 50 jobs supplying Jaguar and Calsonic.

The largest European company to expand in Wales during the period was Valeo of France. *It invested £14 million* in its automotive heating and air-conditioning production plant near Swansea, creating 170 new jobs.

The largest expansion from the United States was Ford's £25 million project, which safeguarded the company's 1,000 staff at Swansea.

Foreign-owned firms have transformed the Welsh economy. *But much of that growth* is taking place in the southeast and northeast. To enable the remoter western regions to benefit similarly, former Welsh Secretary William Hague set the WDA the target of establishing 50 per cent of all new jobs away from the M4 and A55 corridors. That target was achieved during the first four months of 1997.

Manufacturing is the main focus of inward investors, but this year growth is also expected *in services such as* call centres. "But what we would really like to attract is a car assembly plant," Mrs Hendy concedes.

Wooing one of those from the Pacific Rim would be the ultimate achievement for the WDA as it gears itself up for the even more competitive *world of the 21st century*.

IOLA SMITH

Scotland welcomes flood of investment

Christopher Warman on a spectacular year north of the border

By any standards this last year has been spectacular for inward investment in Scotland. In 1995-96 Locate in Scotland, the inward investment arm of Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Office, attracted 84 projects, involving planned investment of more than £981 million.

The total for the present year, which will *be known later this* month, must exceed that, purely from Hyundai's massive project. Hyundai Semiconductor Europe's semiconductor facility, which began construction in March on a 150-acre site at Halbeath, Dunfermline, involves an investment of £1 billion and the creation of 1,000 new jobs in the first phase, while the second phase will bring a further £1.4 billion investment and 1,000 jobs.

The Hyundai deal *highlights* one of the recent trends spotted by Locate in Scotland. Martin Togneri, its director, says: "We, like Wales, have made a breakthrough with the Korean market. *The Koreans have been in* Europe for some time, and Northern Ireland has attracted them, but there has been a step-up in interest in Scotland. That in turn has helped to *build momentum with Far Eastern* nations other than Japan."

Scotland has achieved a strong share, for example, of Taiwanese investment in the UK. In the last year arrivals included Chunghwa Picture Tubes with a £260 million project *bringing 3,300 new jobs to Lanark*shire; Lite-On Technology Corporation, the world's fifth-largest computer monitor manufacturer, whose plant at Mossend in Lanark*shire will create more than 1000 jobs* in the next two years; and Allied Precision Company (UK) Ltd with a plant, also at Mossend, to supply metal components to Chunghwa *Picture Tubes*.

The second feature of recent months is the strength of the service sector, which Mr Togneri expects, after a downward blip last year, to continue to grow in the long term. It includes a number of shared service centre projects, *centralising disparate* European operations.

Polaroid Europe Ltd is to establish an international business centre in Glasgow, consolidating the adminis*tration and customer services of the* company's operations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, creating 150 jobs of graduate calibre and requiring multilingual as well as *commercial and technical skills*. Also in Glasgow, the Ohio-based Eaton Corporation, manufacturer of highly engineered products, is to set up a European shared finance services *centre, creating 100 professional* grade jobs by 1999.

These reflect one of the main attractions of Scotland — its highly educated workforce. Scotland produces the highest *number of gradu*ates per capita overall in the EU.

For Mr Togneri, the future is bright, and he does not expect any fall in demand because of the change of *government*. "*The vast majority of* investors are long-in-the-tooth multinational companies which are well used to operating in a wide variety of government and tax regimes. If there are *changes in specific policies to*wards industry they they will work within those changes.

"As for devolution, the topic has scarcely been mentioned," he says.

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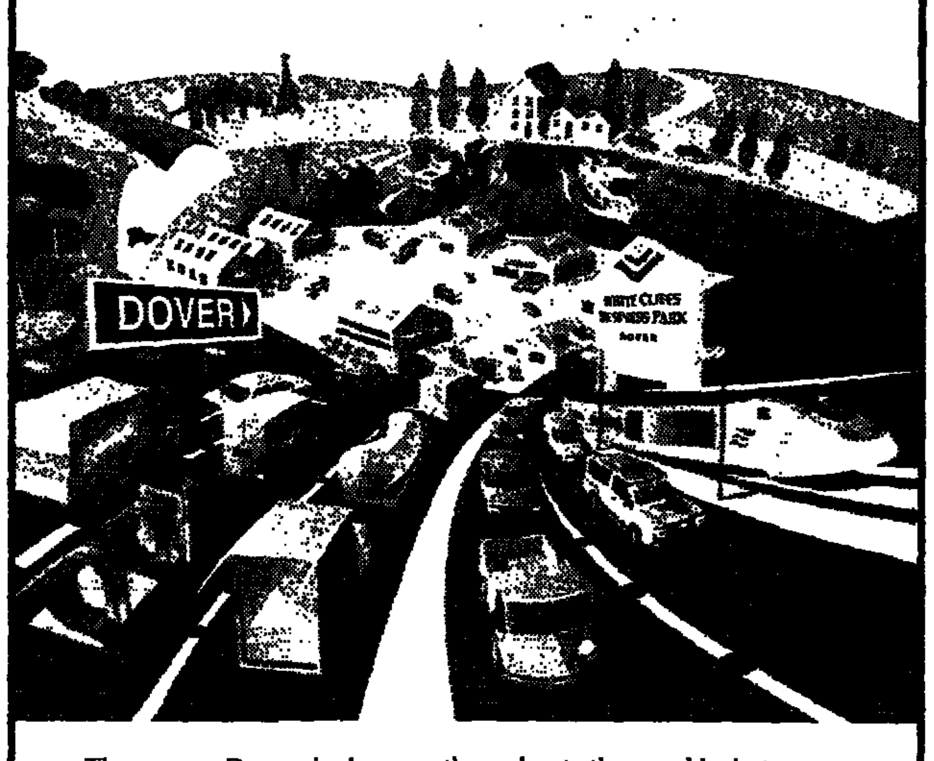

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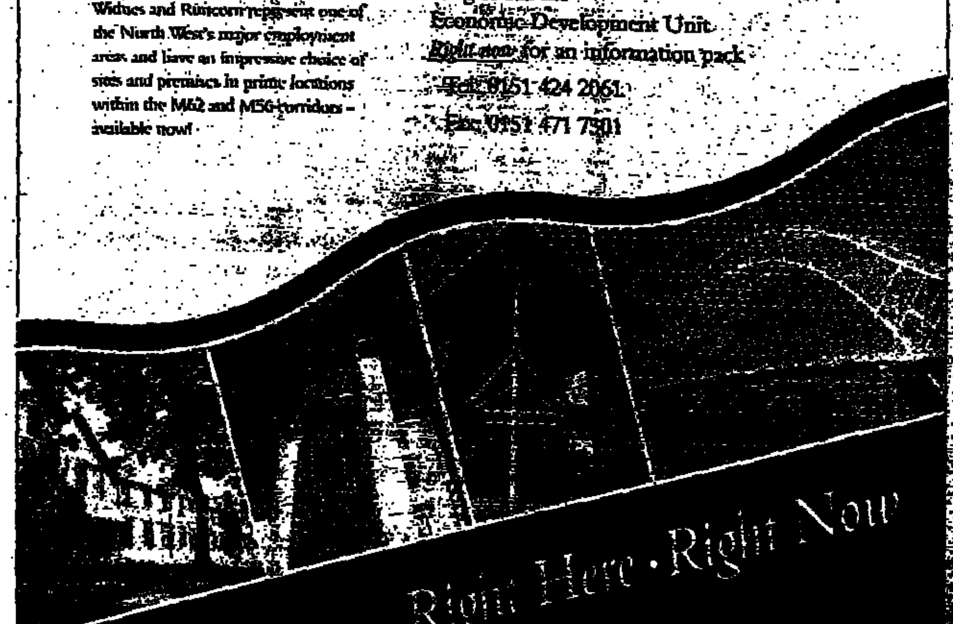

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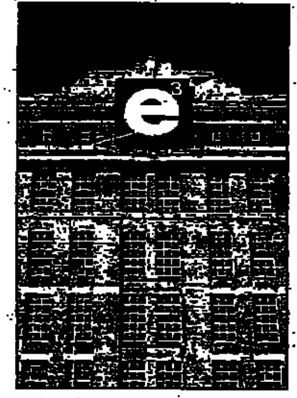
Regional wheels of fortune

Craig Seton on the car industry's attraction to the UK

The English regions are likely to make substantial progress over the next five years in winning a bigger share of inward investment into the UK by overseas companies, according to Anthony Dunnett, chief executive of English Partnerships, the Government-sponsored regeneration agency.

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are considered to have competed more effectively than England for inward investment through having strong and coordinated regeneration agencies, but Mr Dunnett predicts the tide is turning.

"In the past three or four years England and its regions have been redressing the balance. Compared with the rest of the UK, we have got our act together."



Ford's new Jaguar car plant in Birmingham

Based on its share of the UK population, he says England should have about 75 to 80 per cent of the investment into the UK. That should be achieved within the next five years — an improvement of up to 10 per cent.

Most regions now have *regeneration agencies* forged through public and private alliances that have established strong contacts with English Partnerships and organisations such as the Invest in Britain Bureau to attract relocation projects.

Mr Dunnett points to the substantial reinvestment decisions being taken by overseas-owned companies in the regions, especially in the automotive industry.

English Partnerships played an influential role in Ford's decision for a £400 million expansion of its Jaguar subsidiary's plant in Birmingham for a new model, and the project by BMW, owner of the Rover Group, for a £400 million engine plant at Hams Hall in Warwickshire.

Toyota is investing £200 million at Burnaston, Derbyshire; Nissan a similar amount in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, for a third model; and Honda is expanding in Swindon, Wiltshire, by 50 per cent. The carmakers are a magnet to component suppliers relocating to English sites.

The agency, though, is concerned to overcome a dearth of market-ready sites for inward investors in the regions. It has its own property and land in redevelopment areas and is also working with regional development organisations and local authorities to identify and process other locations suitable for complex production plants.

The agency has a strategic sites database and plans to introduce its own "Kite mark" system for locations ready for development.

One of its close partners, the Commission for the New Towns (CNT), owns some of the country's largest strategic sites, including the 400-acre Omega site at Warrington, Lancashire. Its life has been extended to help it to dispose of land formerly owned by the Government's urban development corporations, which are being wound up.

While acknowledging the value of job-creating flagship projects, he wants smaller "unsung" regeneration schemes to be recognised.

Three Korean electronic and electrical engineering companies, for instance, will create 150 jobs at an enterprise zone in the Dearne Valley, south Yorkshire.

A hundred new jobs will be available when Hitachi opens its European automotive parts plant in Bolton, Lancashire. Chestertons, *the property consultants*, adds that the proposed second runway at Manchester International Airport will boost the region's relocation programme.

York has established a critical mass of 1,500 people working in biosciences, including researchers at the Smith and Nephew centre on York Science Park and the University of York.

Lincolnshire is planning a business park, and 100 jobs are being created at Gloucester Business Park by Stadco Takao Europe, a joint English-Japanese automotive parts company.

And, at a time when many regions are contemplating water shortages, the Tees Valley Development Corporation is promoting the area's abundance of water supplies for industrial processes.

London continues to hold its own against centres such as Paris and Frankfurt, reports **John Grigsby**

Our capital successes

London and the South East of England is the most attractive area both for inward investment and for relocation within the UK. Nevertheless, there are huge variations within the region, and large movements within the economy. For example, the Regency town of Brighton has one of the highest indices of social deprivation in Britain, while Thanet is the only area in the South East with assisted area status.

On the other hand, the Thames Valley is happy to deter new business and consolidate what it has to protect its environment. At the same time, Kent is aggressively marketing its attractions.

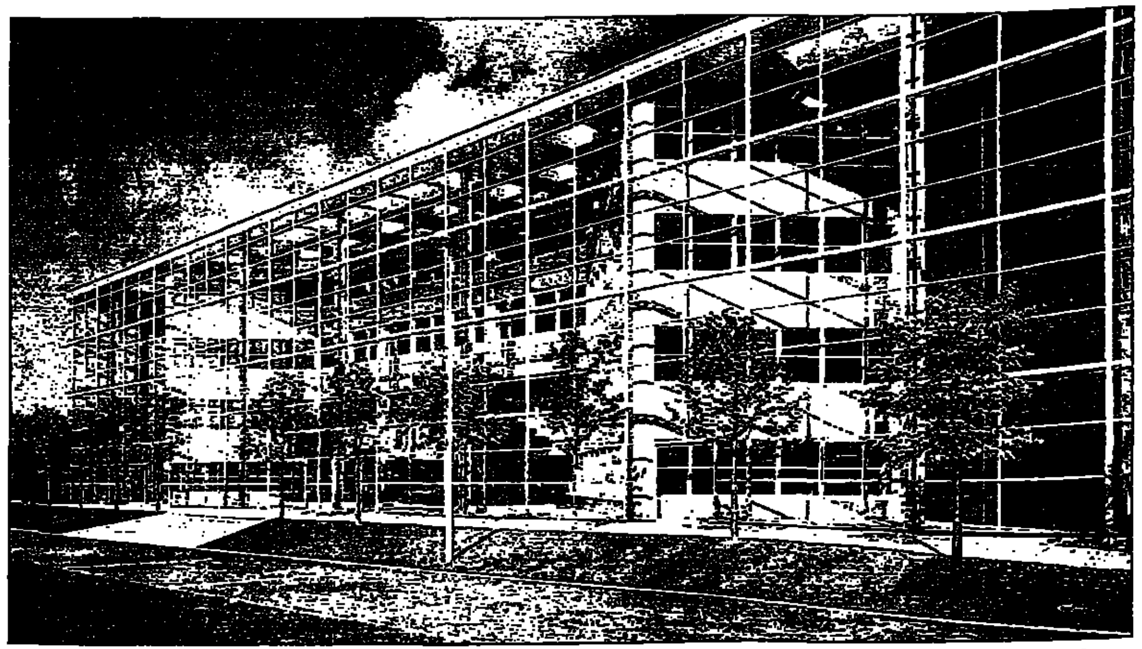
While London still exports jobs within the region to the state-of-the-art campuses like Stockley Park, near Heathrow, and Kings Hill in Kent, it is more than holding its own against centres like Paris and Frankfurt in the financial services sector. Nearly a *third of the Fortune Global* 500 companies are represented in London, more than any other European city. It has 541 foreign banks — more than any other city in the world.

Last year, 17,429 jobs were either created in the South East or were protected. The capital itself attracted 22 new firms. Mr Brian Wilson, chief executive of Serplan, the planning body responsible for London and the South East, says: "The region is generally buoyant. But we are also looking at restraint in the M4 corridor and activity in Kent."

The new authority for Greater London, proposed by the Government, will aim to attract inward investment. The new regional development agencies will also play a key role.

But it remains to be seen whether a new authority will prove more effective than London First, the body composed of private sector companies and local councils. A total of £4 billion is being invested in the capital's leisure industries alone in the run-up to Millennium 2000. The decision to site the millennium celebrations in London appears to have given the economy a boost. For example, 9,500 hotel bedrooms are to be built between 1995 and 2000.

Last year only seven firms moved out of London, a record low according to Jones Lang Wootton, the estate agents. Nevertheless, the financial and professional services sector accounts for a third of all jobs recently removed from London. Many are moving to the business campuses.



Stockley Park, a state-of-the-art business campus near Heathrow, still attracts relocating companies

A recent survey by Black Horse Relocation Services found that, for the first time, the capital was the favoured place for relocation within the UK. Mr Richard Day, director of *Black Horse, says: "Aggressive mar*keting by London First means that London has attracted more than 27 major relocations over two years.

Mr Andrew Gould, partner in Jones Lang Wootton, says: "Many of the Government's last policies are coming on stream. The Thames Gateway, for example, is proving a success. We are seeing major companies moving into Kent into areas like Kings Hill Business Park. If Stockley Park was the business *location of the 1980s, then* Kings Hill is its equivalent in the 1990s."

Meanwhile, proposals for urban dispersal in the South East have been boosted by the announcement from David Curry, the former Local Government Minister, that the Commission for the New Towns, which is responsible for land sales in Milton Keynes and other new towns, will have an extended life. It had been due to wind up at the end of March next year.

The Milton Keynes town centre is about to undergo a multimillion-pound refurbishment. By 2000, Milton Keynes will be one of the biggest cities in Britain with a population of more than 175,000. However, Kent is probably the fastest-growing area in the region.

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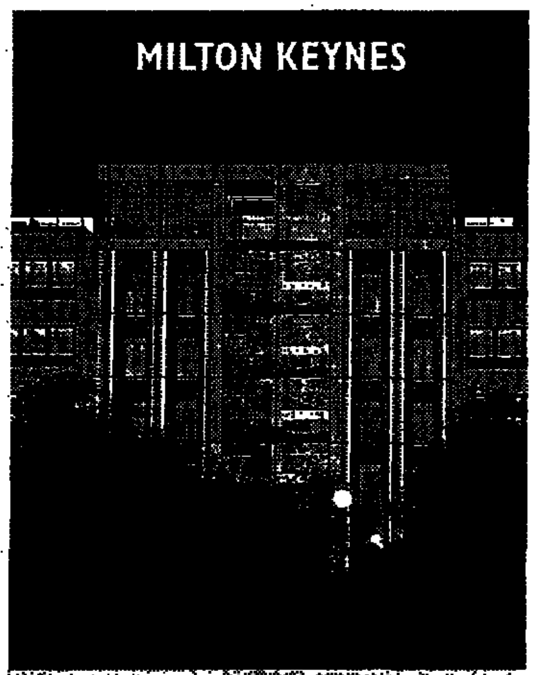

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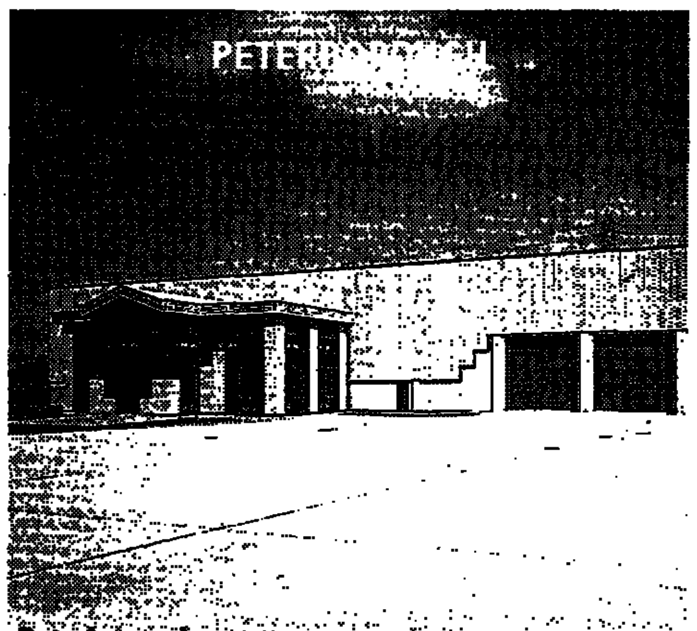

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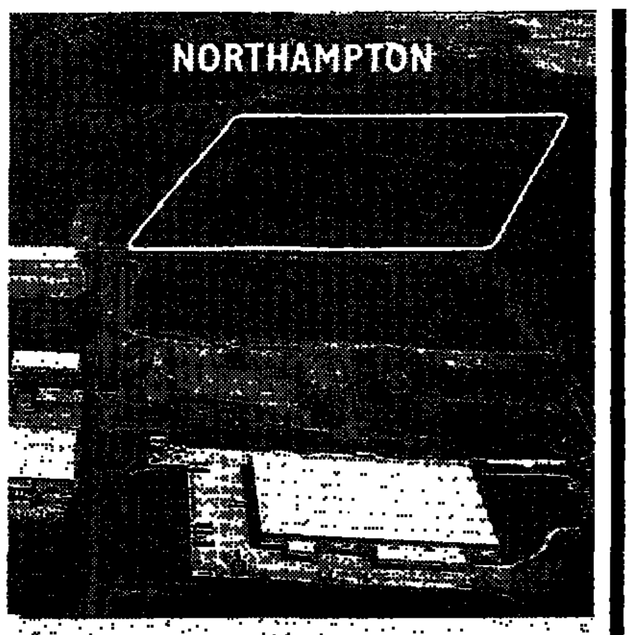

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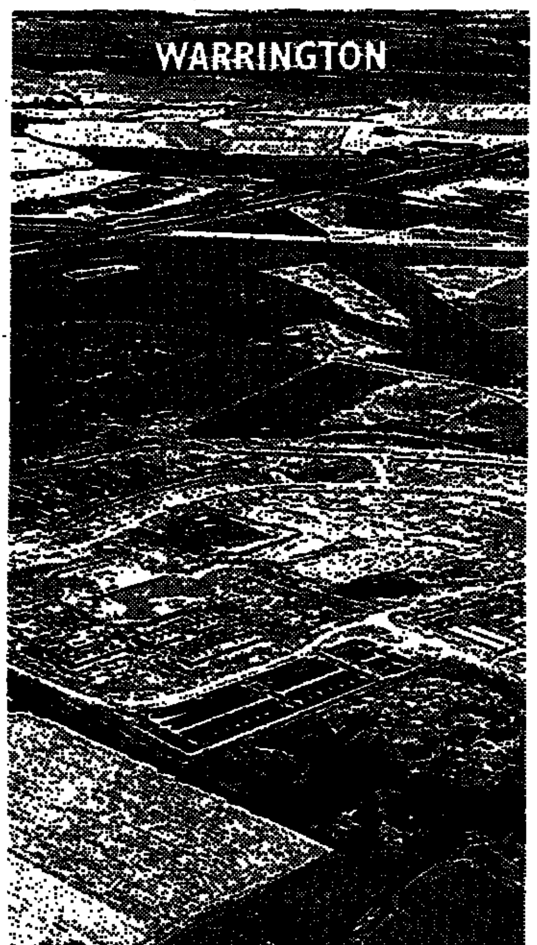

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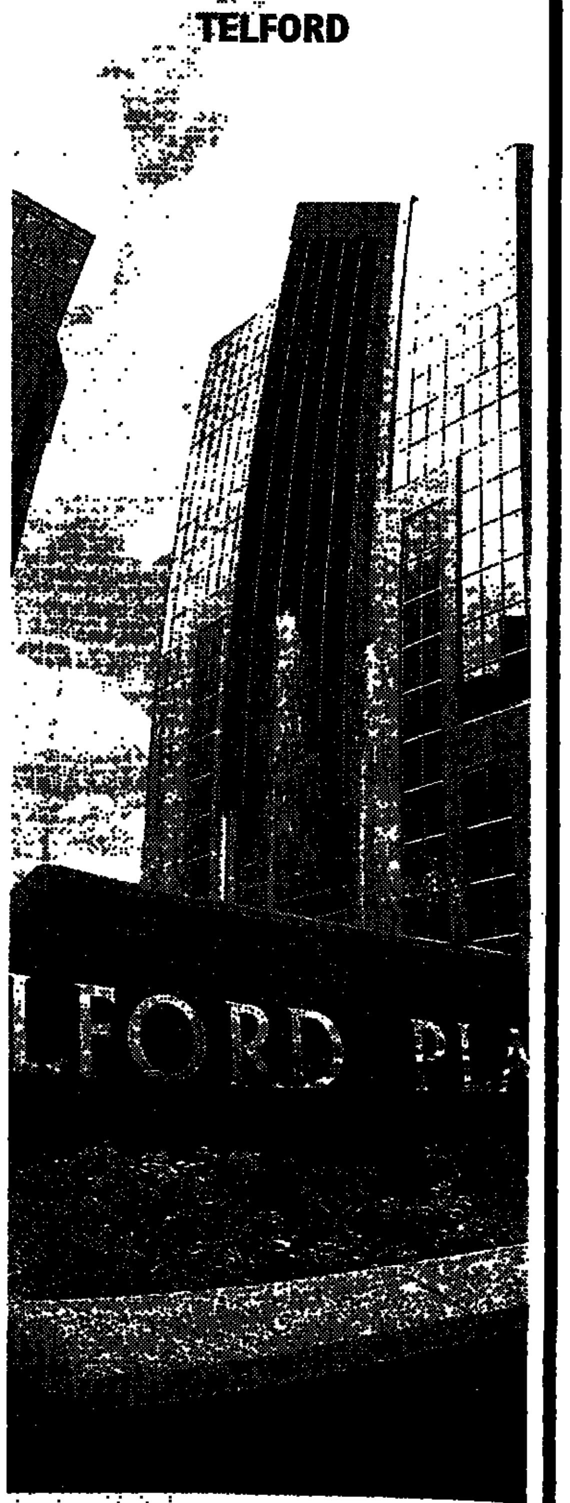

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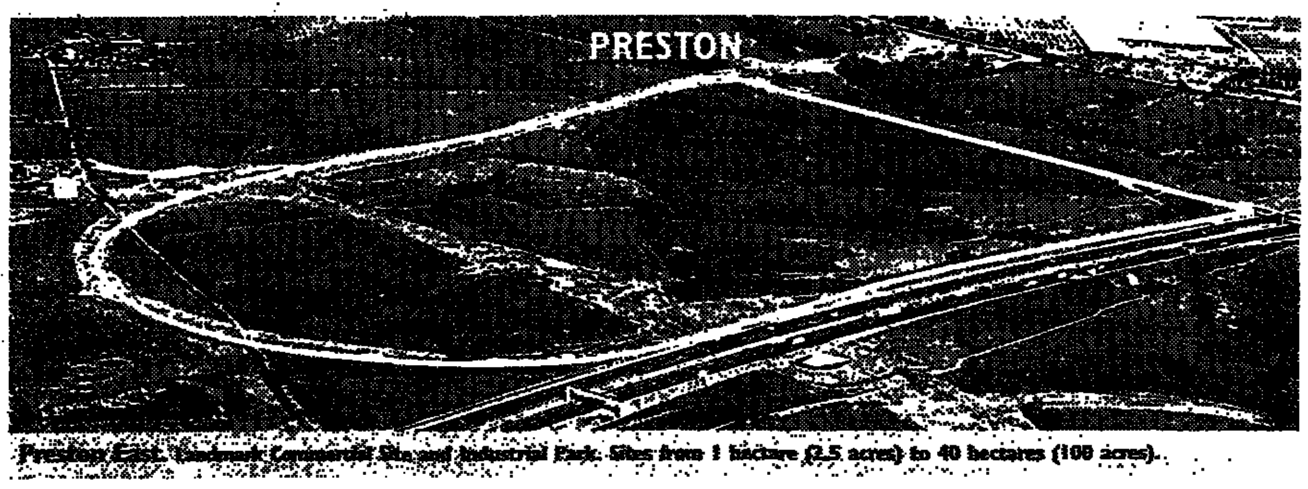

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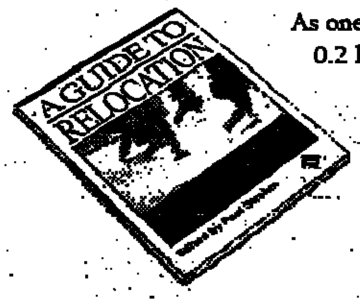

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Who wants to live like a millionaire? **Eve-Ann Prentice** on a British-run firm that helps you join France's world of wealth and fame

Rent or buy royal-style on the Riviera

When the Duchess of York was caught with John Bryan at a villa in St Tropez five years ago, she probably didn't realise that another disgraced British royal had found a similar holiday retreat on the Riviera nearly half a century earlier.

The fading blue-black ink in a visitors' book at the Trident, perched prettily on a cliff on the Côte d'Azur near Mandelieu, bears witness to a spring holiday taken by Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson after his abdication. "Wallis Windsor" signed first on April 27, 1946, with "Edward" scribbled underneath.

The villa is now one of several luxurious Riviera homes available to rent or buy through a company run by a Briton. Richard "Cubby" Wolf, former Royal Navy officer, tailor, salesman and yacht chandler, runs Riviera Retreats from the picturesque town of Valbonne and can provide a millionaire's lifestyle to anyone with enough money — or friends. Most of the villas are enormous and generally sleep between eight and 12 people, and often up to 20. If enough people share, a holiday need not be prohibitively expensive compared with the cost of hotels in the region.

Buying a property is another matter. If you want to own a home within shoulder-rubbing distance of Michael Schumacher, Phil Collins or the *nouveaux riches* Russian mafia, you need megamoney. The French property market has been slow for the past year or so and many owners wishing to sell are letting their homes until a buyer comes along. This means that anyone tempted to buy can often get a taste of prospective homes by renting first.

The villas are stylish and lavishly decorated. The film director Michael Apted is trying to sell his five-bedroom villa at Plascassier, near Grasse. But until a dispute with a neighbour is resolved over land in which his swimming pool is set, Apted is letting the house through Riviera Retreats for Fr25.000 (£2.580) a week in high season. A million miles in spirit from Apted's *Gorky Park*, the villa has breathtaking views and a mezzanine-style library.

Edward and Mrs Simpson are in the visitors' book

The villa visited by Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson sleeps eight and can be rented in high season for Fr47.000. The house, which has a spectacular swimming pool perched like a lavish soapdish on the cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean, was used by the French Resistance during the Second World War and still bears a bullet-scarred mirror in a hallway as evidence.

Villa rents are reduced by 30 per cent in June and September, and from October to May can usually be had for 50 per cent of the July and August high-season rates.

One of the most stunning villas for sale through Riviera Retreats is a six-bedroom home with breathtaking views across rolling hills to the sea. The villa, at St-Paul-de-Vence, is 20 minutes' drive from Nice airport and 15 minutes' drive from the nearest beach at Cagnes-sur-Mer. The house, owned by a British banker, has a 20-metre swimming pool, tennis court, satellite television and a Dallas-style feel about it. Just down the road from Michael Schumacher's high-walled French base, the villa is for sale at Fr27 million and can be rented in high season for Fr50,000 a week.

And if you haven't got £3 million plus to spare? A charming but smallish three-bedroom home with swimming pool and beautiful views at Magagnosc is being sold by the English owners, Anna and Simon Tattersall, for Fr1.7 million. This home, with three bathrooms, can also be rented for Fr10.000-Fr11,000 a week in high season.

Riviera Retreats, the French arm of Jersey-based company, Argosy Pollett, currently has 150 villas to rent but is beginning to expand its sales department. "On the sales side, we are minnows in a sea of sharks," says Mr Wolf. "We will do the property searches for buyers and we will hold their hands all the way through a sale. You have to keep the pressure on people."

Many people renting a villa will also want to hire a cook and/or maid, and Riviera Retreats will find you these, although clients usually deal directly with the help they hire and pay cash in hand. Maids cost about Fr65 an hour and cooks Fr100 an hour.

One of the most serene villas on Riviera Retreats' books is a six-bedroom, newly built house on a hillside at Tourrette-sur-Loup, between the towns of Grasse and Vence. The house, with heated swimming pool, has been built using traditional materials and is in one of the most unspoilt corners of the region. It sleeps 12 and can be rented for Fr46,000 a week in high season.

Riviera Retreats recently found a seven-bedroom home for a client — a sprawling villa at Chateauneuf du Plascassier, where Edith Piaf spent her final years.

The villa, with large swimming pool and billiards room, was severely run-down and sold at auction for Fr3.5 million after being originally put on the market for Fr20 million. The house is being renovated and should be available to rent from August at Fr35.000-45,000 a week.

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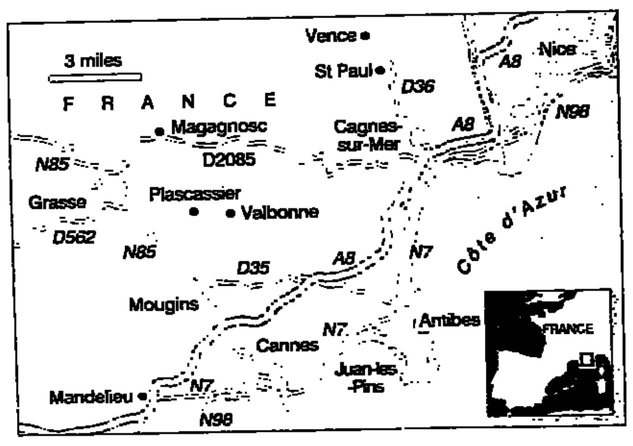

NIGEL RUSSELL

The villa at Tourrette-sur-Loup overlooks a river valley in one of the Riviera's least developed areas. It can take 12 and features a heated pool

Sans survey, sans gazump

Eve-Ann Prentice hears about the differences when making French property deals

Anna Tattersall: "If you pull out, you lose your deposit"

BUYING or selling a home in France can seem a daunting prospect. Anna and Simon Tattersall, who are selling a house in Putney and a villa in the South of France to buy a larger home at Mougins on the Riviera, have discovered that one of the most startling aspects is that few French people have surveys undertaken before purchase.

Furthermore, once you have agreed to a sale figure and paid a 10 per cent deposit, the penalties for pulling out of the deal thereafter are high.

"You can't gazump," says Anna. "When you agree to buy you sign a *compromis de vente* and the deposit will be lost if you break that."

Transaction costs are also very high, say the Tattersalls. "Agents fees are 5 per cent of the transaction price and you have to pay 10 per cent of the [transaction] price in *notaire's* [lawyer's] fees and taxes on older properties. Find a good *notaire*, they all cost about the same."

The Tattersalls did not have a survey taken at the villa they are now selling when they first bought it, but are doing so at the home they now want to buy.

"It is not like in the UK and the French hardly ever have surveys done," says Anna. "It is difficult to find someone to do a survey, but we have found a Briton who does them and I have faith in him."

It is also important to check out local regulations. The Tattersalls discovered that they would be liable to pay extra taxes at their large, new home because of the amount of land that went with it. "We were advised to build a garage or some other permanent structure. You are only allowed to have a certain amount of land with each building, but any permanent structure counts as a second building and thereby doubles the amount of land you can have without incurring the extra fees."

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Building towards the future

It is projected 4.4 million new houses will be needed in 20 years' time, but where are they to be built? **Christine Webb** reports

Towns should be allowed to spill into green belts, and housing should be built round out-of-town shopping centres so that the precincts become the centres of new towns, the House-Builders' Federation (HBF) is expected to suggest in its response to the Household Growth Green Paper next Wednesday.

The federation's response to the last Government's Green Paper, *Household Growth — Where Shall We Live?*, is expected to recommend that planning policy guidance is changed so that green belts, which have constrained development for 50 years, can be moved to allow towns to expand organically outwards.

The federation feels that some green belt land is already tarnished by the towns it serves and is no longer true countryside. It would therefore be more logical for towns to colonise these tainted areas. Developing green-belt land would be a sustainable option, it believes, since it could make use of existing infrastructure, especially the public transport systems, and preserve real greenfield sites.

There is likely to be fierce opposition to such a move, and opponents will probably point out that it is in house builders' interests to build as close to existing towns as possible, thus cutting the considerable cost of new roads, sewerage and other services, not to mention schools or other amenities that developers often have to fork out for in return for planning consent.

To help to save countryside from being built on, the last Government recommended that 60 per cent of all new housing should go on disused or brownfield sites. But the federation believes this is impossible because brownfield sites are not conveniently distributed in the areas needing the highest household growth.

In any case, said Ian Roxburgh, managing director of George Wimpey Strategic Land Management: "About 7 per cent of people who lived in urban areas ten years ago have left because of the quality of life there, and if you try to cram houses into what's left of the open spaces within cities then that environment becomes even worse. We want people to come back, but until you correct crime, noise and education problems and make these places better to live in, people won't want to."

The slackening of London's green belt could be a relief to some of the Home Counties local authorities, who are struggling to fulfil their obligation to earmark suitable housing sites. They were given targets to meet by John Gummer, the last Government's Environment Minister, who launched the Green Paper in the hope of provoking a national debate. He recognised that doing nothing about the projected 4.4 million new households that will be needed within 20 years, was not an option. It is likely that the federation agrees. Unless about 200,000 new homes are created every year, there will be serious social and economic national consequences, it says.

Mr Gummer was clear that priority should be given to sustainability — minimising our use of energy and resources, especially in travel to and from work, shops and leisure — to which end he emphasised the merit of "living over the shop".

With this in mind, the HBF will probably put forward the idea of promoting house building round the out-of-town shopping centres.

In some cases this could be an inspired way of accommodating new homes, and the facilities their owners will need, with minimal impact. For example, Cribbs Causeway, north of Bristol, is attracting so many businesses out of the city centre, where they are being strangled by lack of parking and difficult access, that it has already been talked of as a new city centre.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England claims there are more than 1,100 of these traffic-generating schemes on the periphery of towns, many of which could make new urban cores. Housing and other facilities could also be piggy-backed on to out-of-town business parks, theoretically cutting the need for car journeys.

The federation will also ask the Government to review the role of the Commission for New Towns and its land holdings. Its years were numbered by the last Government, although the New Towns legislation has not been repealed, and the federation is known to be anxious to preserve its expertise.

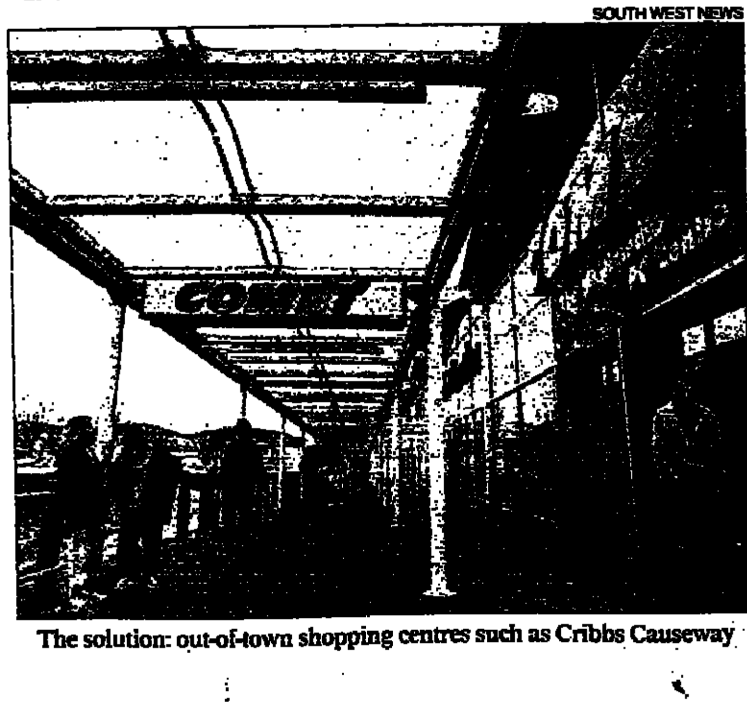
Michael Breheny, Professor of Applied Geography at Reading University, said: "Reviewing the green-belt legislation has become quite fashionable, because people have suggested green belts induce longer journeys to work. It was assumed that people would live and work within the green belts, whereas now people commute across them — the overall effect has been to increase fuel consumption.

"We could look for pushing the outer boundaries of green belts out as well as the inner boundaries, so you end up with no net loss of green belt. There's no doubt that in some cases the green belt is really a brown belt, though in others it's genuine countryside. There is an idea to make green wedges so we build linear developments along roads or railways and retain countryside in between.

"The idea of turning retail parks into town centres is a novel one. If they are important centres of public transport, the logic of this holds up even more."

The current Government has not indicated its view, but is likely to listen with interest to submissions during the current period of consultation, even though it was launched by the Tories, since few now disagree that the household projection of 4.4 million is the best forecast to work to. This suits the HBF as next week's paper is really its manifesto, and is even called: *An Agenda for a New Government.*

SOUTH WEST NEWS



The solution: out-of-town shopping centres such as Cribbs Causeway

IN BRIEF

A FORMER rectory in the heart of television's Ballykissangel country is to be auctioned in Dublin next Thursday. Avoca Lodge, dating from 1860, stands in about ten acres of land on the edge of the village of Avoca, in Co Wicklow, where the Ballykissangel television series is set. The lodge, with four bedrooms and a self-contained three-bedroom flat, has been extensively refurbished and has a guide price of £325,000. There is an all-weather tennis court, outbuildings including a double garage and stable block and a paddock with river frontage. Details from Ganly Walters, 37 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, tel 00 3531 662 3255.

■ A house in the Scottish Highlands where Queen Mary, George V's future wife, was nursed back to health, is on the market at £133.000. As Princess May of Teck, the future Queen Mary was treated by a Dr Fox at the house, Maybank, which he built in 1886 in Strathpeffer. The Princess went there to recuperate after the death of George's brother, Albert, Duke of Clarence, to whom she was originally betrothed. Details from Finlayson Hughes, Inverness, tel 01463 224343.

■ House prices in Scotland have risen by 5.4 per cent in a year, according to the quarterly housing index of the Royal Bank of Scotland. The figure reinforces evidence of a North-South house price divide, however, with prices in Scotland and the North of England rising less than in London and the South East. The survey, covering the first quarter of this year, showed that the average Scottish house price is just over £58,000, compared with £55,035 in the first quarter of 1996. The highest annual growth was in Aberdeen, where prices were 6.4 per cent higher than a year ago.

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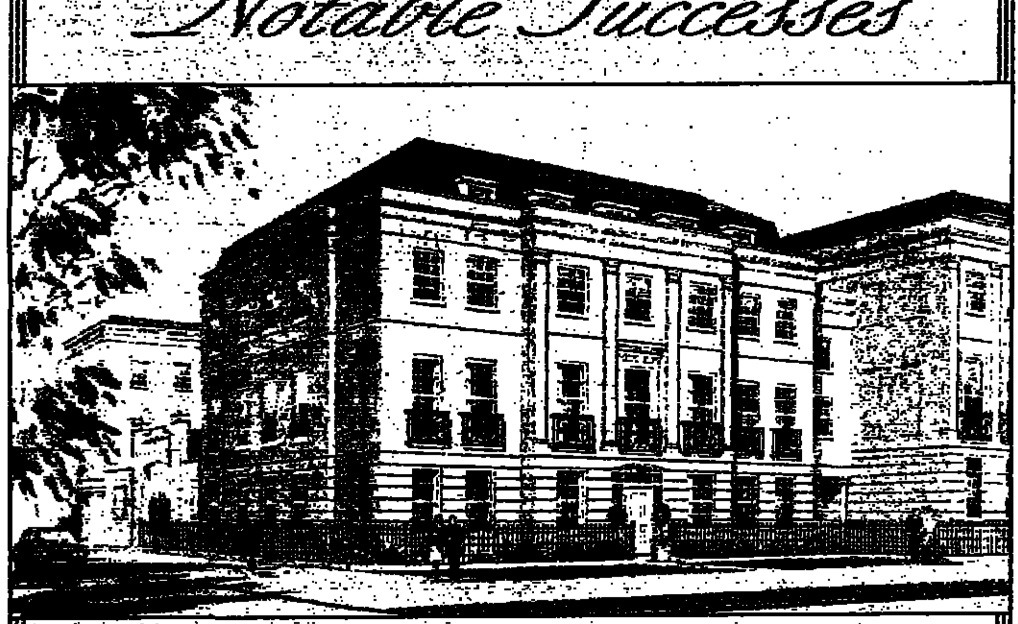

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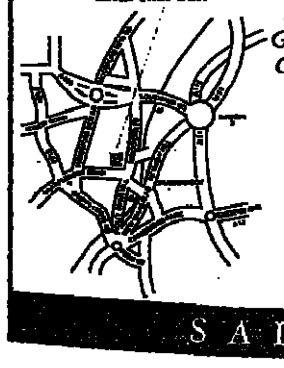

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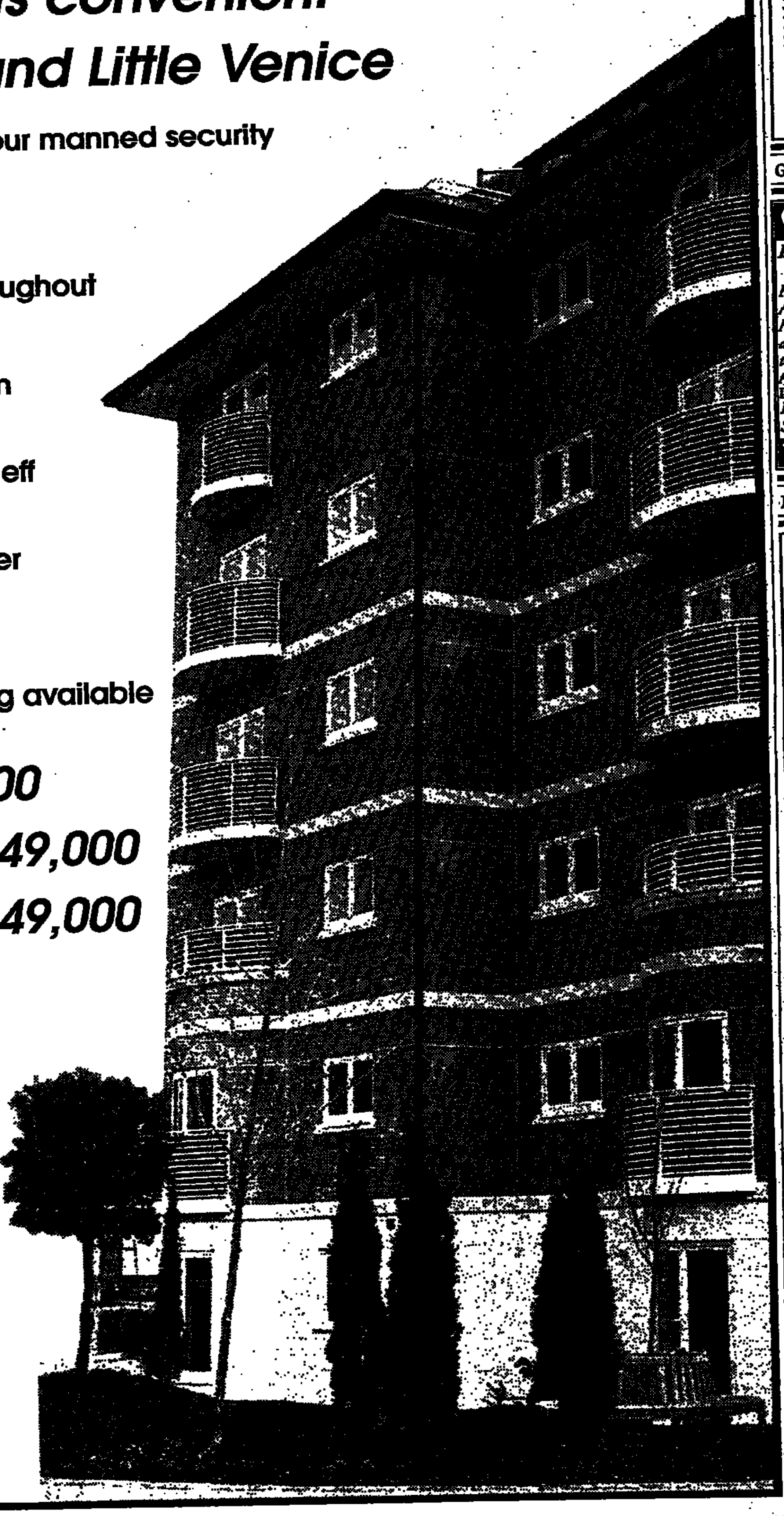

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Sex and drugs and wrecks and roles: David Cronenberg is unrepentant about *Crash* — "People fasten their seatbelts after they see the film. I've probably saved lives"

Ever since its premiere at the 1996 Cannes Film Festival, David Cronenberg's *Crash* has left its share of scars. At Cannes it won a special Jury Prize for "originality, daring and audacity", the announcement of which prompted cheers and boos as well as the total support of stars Holly Hunter and James Spader. In America, where the adaptation of J. G. Ballard's 1973 novel at last opened this spring, the film fell foul of Ted Turner, whose Fine Line pictures was first due to release it last October.

And though it won five Genie Awards (Canada's Oscars) in Cronenberg's home country and was number one in France and Poland, of all places, the film has had an especially tortuous ride in Britain. First glimpsed via excerpts last August at the Edinburgh Film Festival, it was shown in full in November at the London Film Festival, where its screening launched a tabloid campaign that continues unabated. Faber published the screenplay in December, but a late-January opening never took place.

Now, having finally been approved by the British Board of Film Classification, the film opens next week — although Westminster council has banned it, claiming that it "borders on obscenity". The political implications of such a decision aside, the ban has considerable commercial ones, since it denies *Crash* a showcase at the cinematic heart of London. Cronenberg, in turn, calls the local sequence of events "very Monty Pythonesque. It's so overheated and fervent a reaction, and it is greeted with bafflement and derision everywhere else in the world."

You might expect the director to have strong opinions about such treatment. But Cronenberg speaks in the astutely judged and reasoned tones of an intellectual commentator, rather than in the breast-beating raised voices of some of his detractors. At 54, the Toronto-born director more than ever gives off the air of everyone's favourite university don; and if his movies feature exploding heads, rampaging parasites and ghoulish twin gynaecologists, well, as Cronenberg says without irony: "I'm always ready to be surprised by the reaction to my films."

He is also ready with a full explication of them, which comes in handy when they strike as emotive a chord as *Crash*. The debate about the £5.5 million film has generally centred on issues of pornography and violence in a work which links sexual arousal to car wrecks.

"The film begins with three sex scenes; for most people that means it's a porno film," Cronenberg says. The difference is that *Crash* "confuses normal thinking about the way sexuality is used. In most movies, the sex scenes form a kind of montage: the movie stops, you have a sex scene, and then the movie continues — you could take the sex scene out and not change the film at all."

In *Crash*, by contrast, "the sex scenes are the movie; those opening scenes are integral to the plot. The sex, however rough, is completely consensual as performed by 35-year-olds. These are people who are having to invent strange and bizarre ways to connect. That, in effect, is the subject of the film: the characters are beginning to go beyond sexuality as we know it."

Cronenberg expected the sexual content of *Crash* to cause controversy: the debate over its violence and the wrangle about whether it will incite copycat incidents leave him more bemused. "Is this violent? Is *Braveheart* not?" (The Mel Gibson Oscar-winner is one of many films Cronenberg was offered and turned down.) "I mean, c'mon. There are no guns, no knives, no one's beaten. The violence in *Crash* really is conceptual.

"Kids have been masturbating and crashing cars for years; I don't think I'm going to contribute to that. It's ridiculous to think we are realigning society in order to trigger psychotics. People fasten their seatbelts after they see the film. I've probably saved lives."

The moral crusaders, too, fail to touch what really animates Cronenberg, namely a desire for subversive, serious cinema outside the Hollywood norm that links *Crash* directly to *The Dead Zone*, *Dead Ringers*, *The Fly* and *Naked Lunch*, whose producer, Jeremy Thomas, also produced *Crash*.

"It's obvious the film demands to be taken not on a literal, realistic level," he says. "It begs and pleads to be taken metaphorically" — not least because it does not cue the audience's every response.

"*I have what I don't think is a* perverse instinct not to go for the sentiment, the easy emotional impulse. In that sense I'm defining myself against Hollywood and that comfort with button-pushing. Films such as *The First Wives Club* tell you what to think at every single moment. With *Crash* there's no attempt to make events explicable in conventional plot terms. That is why the film is a draining, derailing experience."

His next project, *eXistenZ*, is an original sci-fi film and will cost about £25 million: shooting begins in Toronto at the end of the summer. But with *Crash* beginning to be old news, Cronenberg still responds to it.

"*I just saw it really recently, and* didn't think I would sit through it. But I'm still extremely pleased with it. Even for me, it still has a very hypnotic power."

● Crash *opens in Britain on June 6*

From Bard to worse

SECOND OPINION: **Bernard Levin** on Shakespeare's greatest miss

Hark: groans can be heard from Shakespeare's tomb. From Shakespeare's? Groans? Yes, Shakespeare himself. But how can this be, when we are speaking of our beloved Shakespeare, our unique Shakespeare, our Shakespeare who regrets he was ever born. But why? Because, of course, some benighted fellow — it was Silviu Purcarete — thought it would be a good idea to put on *Titus Andronicus* at the Lyric Hammersmith. But it wasn't.

And why not? Because *Titus Andronicus* is Shakespeare's one bad play, and when I say bad, I really do mean bad.

There is a clue: in *The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, there are pages and pages and pages from *The Merchant of Venice*, *Twelfth Night*, *Hamlet*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Julius Caesar*, *Othello*, oh, there is a bundle of quotations from almost every play. But what do we find in *Titus Andronicus*? A measly 12 lines.

To start with, the gore that Shakespeare put in *Titus* would fill a reservoir: in the first scene of the first act we get:

Give us the proudest prisoner of the Goths,
That we may hew his limbs, and on a pile
Ad manes fratrum *sacrifice his flesh.*

But that is nothing. Try this:

Away with him! and make a fire straight:
And with our swords, upon a pile of wood,
Let's hew his limbs till they be clean consum'd.

And if you want to go further — and there is a substantial quantity more — try the now well-known jingle from Act II Scene IV: "Enter Demetrius and Chiron, with Lavinia, ravish'd: her hands cut off, and her tongue cut out".

Now many would slam the book shut when they got to that part, but they would be slamming it for the wrong reason. There is a great deal of horror in Shakespeare, and almost all of it is perfectly fitting to the words on the page, grim or worse. But in the 37 plays of Shakespeare, there is one, and only one, which is truly bad.

You see it in almost every page — thin, repetitive, obvious, heavy. But don't leap to the preposterous, in the form of "it wasn't Shakespeare's hand". It was a very young Shakespeare who wrote *Titus Andronicus*, and when he had finished it, he was not ashamed of it, though he did not waste time pushing it into his *oeuvre*. In the well-known listing, it sits between *Coriolanus* and *Romeo and Juliet*:

You common cry of curs! whose breath I hate
As reek o' the rotten fens, whose love I prize
As the dead carcasses of unburied men
That do corrupt my air, — I banish you.

And:

Give me my Romeo: and, when he shall die,
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And pay no worship to the garish sun.

Come, come; Shakespeare wrote 37 plays. Could somebody ask Mr Purcarete why he picked the worst one?

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Legal eagle: The son of a Court of Appeal judge, he read law at Worcester College, Oxford, and passed his Bar exam while completing the first draft of *All Things Considered*. "It's good to have those qualifications, but I don't think I'll ever practise as a barrister — unless writing leaves me absolutely penniless."

The write stuff: *Ecstasy*, a one-act play which he completed at Oxford, earned him a place on Birmingham University's masters degree in playwriting studies, a course run by David Edgar. "I was the youngest in a class of eight, which included a stand-up comedian and a crime novelist. It was a fantastic way to learn how to construct plays." In Birmingham he wrote *Four Letter Word*, a one-acter about date rape which went on to win the Cameron Mackintosh New Writing Competition.

Big break: Introducing himself to the producer Michael Codron in Oxford. "I persuaded him to read *Four Letter Word* and he then commissioned me to write a full-length play, which became *All Things Considered*."

Has he had mentors? Three so far. His mother, a former book editor, always read his earliest writing very closely, "even when it was rubbish"; Jenny, his English teacher wife, is "a very good critic" of his work; and Philip Swan, who directed *Four Letter Word* on the Edinburgh Fringe, has provided "great encouragement", says Brown.

Next in line: A second full-length play is at an "embryonic" stage and his first screenplay, *The Arrangement*, a romantic comedy set in London, is in development with an independent film production company.

Self-discipline: "I agree with John Mortimer's remark that the cost of being a writer is permanent guilt, because I'm only disciplined in the sense that I *want* to write every day."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

Second wind

OPERA

Elektra
Covent Garden

WHILE the four chief roles in Covent Garden's *Elektra* are alternated in such a way that punters can mix and match their own dream cast, the conductor, Christian Thielemann, remains at the helm for all seven performances. Thielemann conducted the 1994 revival of this 1990 production, and his reading is as authoritative and mesmerising as any to be heard today.

Thielemann does full justice to Strauss's graphic pictorialism — the cackling laughter accompanying Klytemnestra or the moonlight bathing the remembered naked body of Elektra — and he relishes the sepulchral Wagner tubas at the appearance of Orest. But as well as realising vivid surface detail, he generates tension impressively, drawing out those sinuous, writhing lines to maximum effect.

With the orchestra responding fervently to such magnificent direction, it mattered less that the new Elektra, Hildegard Behrens, was not firing on all cylinders in her first performance. Normally so courageously abandoned a performer, Behrens seemed to be protecting her fragile instrument; the result was, paradoxically, a more precise, pure-toned delivery than usual, but with some sacrifice of her raw, feral quality.

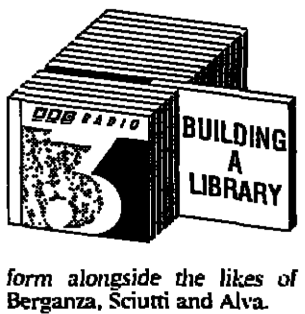
If Behrens had the difficult task of shadowing the mighty Deborah Polaski in *the title role*, Nadine Secunde and Jane Henschel had to compete with the equally formidable Karita Mattila and Felicity Palmer as Chrysothemis and Klytemnestra. Both did an admirable job, the former painting a timorous, pathetic picture of the weaker sister, the latter a truly fearful matriarch. Henschel has a powerful lower register, which she uses to intimidating effect. New to the role of Orest was Alan Held, who combined a sonorous but animated line with a potent stage presence.

BARRY MILLINGTON

● The violinist Rainer Küchl (reviewed Saturday) is the principal concertmaster of the Vienna Philharmonic. He is 46.

CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3



HANDEL OPERAS
Reviewed by Jonathan Keates

THERE was a time not so long ago when the notion of a complete Handel opera on disc would have seemed madness. Received wisdom decreed that Baroque opera seria was a degenerate affair, hidebound by tiresome stage conventions and bedevilled with silly plots and characters.

However, Nicholas McGegan's splendid series of Harmonia Mundi recordings during the past six years has done much to shape a sense of Handel as a creator of intimate dramatic confrontations and believable human types. Try his *Ariodante* Harmonia Mundi (HMU 907 146/48) with the glorious Lorraine Hunt in the title role.

McGegan works with authentic instruments and singers experienced in Baroque vocal styles. However, if traditionalists want a guaranteed theorbo-free performance, they cannot do better than the classic Decca recording of *Alcina* (433 723-2) made in 1962, with that sumptuous old acoustic showing off Joan Sutherland in coruscating *form alongside the likes of* Berganza, Sciutti and Alva.

My ultimate winners, however, involve an ideal fusion of well-paced authentic performance styles with singing of genuine elegance and panache by artists committed to Handel as a divinely gifted writer for the voice. Four recordings stand out: Christopher Hogwood's L'Oiseau Lyre *Orlando* with James Bowman (430 845-2), John Eliot Gardiner's keen-edged Philips *Agrippina* (438 009-2), featuring Della Jones and Michael Chance, and the Harmonia Mundi state-of-the-art *Giulio Cesare* (HMC 901385/87). My final choice, however, is **Sigiswald Kuijken's** sprightly, witty ***Partenope*** **(Deutsche Harmonia Mundi GD 77109, 3-CD, £27.99)** fresh as the day it was made (in 1979).

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VENUE: Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, tonight

■ LITERATURE

Thirty years later, the horrors of the Vietnam War come back to haunt American writer Albert French

Albert's beautiful war

LITERATURE: **Jason Cowley** meets a US Marine who has found his voice through Vietnam

ADRIAN SHERRATT

"This writing thing — I feel kind of separate from it," says French, who lacks the confidence to call himself a writer

No man should see what Albert French saw while serving as an infantryman during the Vietnam War. He saw a young Vietnamese girl caught up in crossfire as she fled her village; his best friend, Vernon, blown apart as he crossed a saturated paddy-field; and the limbless corpses of Vietcong hanging from trees like kites.

He saw so much that defied representation that he was literally rendered speechless. There were experiences about which he could say nothing. To talk about them, he says, was "to diminish the memory of those who died". Only now, almost 30 years since he returned home to Pittsburgh with half his neck missing, does he feel able to discuss what happened to him.

Vietnam continues to inspire a vast and impressive literature — too vast, some think. Tim O'Brien, whose *If I Die in a Combat Zone* is surely the greatest novel to come out of the conflict, Tobias Wolff and Michael Herr have all written memorably about the grotesque chaos of war. Hollywood can justifiably speak of its classics of the genre: *Apocalypse Now, The Deerhunter, Platoon* even. But not until the publication of French's *Patches of Fire* has there been any attempt to see the war through the eyes of a black Marine.

What is so fresh and invigorating about French's memoir is that thoughts are confided without censorship. Any attempt at retrospective interpretation is resisted. So the battle scenes have a blundering immediacy, the Vietcong are little more than brutalised automata, and the crude language of the troops is reported faithfully.

There was racism in the US Marines, but French saw little of it. "My war was not about racism, about the American flag, or stopping the spread of Communism," he says, pausing to grab my arm. "Look, I don't know you from a hole in the ground, but, if we were together in Vietnam, within three days we would be so close that you couldn't get air between us. That's how we were in our platoon, black and white." Did he, like the white Marines, refer to the Vietcong as gooks? "Hey, man, gooks sounded too much like nigger to me. I avoided that."

French wrote the first part of *Patches of Fire* in the mid-Eighties, after the collapse of his magazine publishing business left him destitute and ashamed. "My life was a shambles," he says. "I guess the magazine had been my chance to do something with my life, and the chance died." For three years he did nothing but mooch around his flat, idly flicking TV channels and chain-smoking. Isolated from his family, he thought his luck had run out.

The book was his only respite from a routine of lugubrious torpor. "The book saved my life," he says, in a slow, gravel-voiced drawl. "Every time something bad happened, like another bill came, I escaped into the book. It was the only thing that stopped me getting scared. For I was 47 years old and I was a failure. I didn't want anyone I knew to see me because I was embarrassed at what I'd become."

One afternoon, as he channel-surfed, French stumbled on a documentary about a ten-year-old black boy from Mississippi; he was executed in 1937 for accidentally killing a young white girl after a quarrel. French was energised by the programme. He stopped work on *Patches of Fire* and wrote *Billy*, his fictionalised account of the boy's short life.

To his surprise he discovered that he was that rare creature: a debut novelist who spoke entirely in his own voice. Dense, raw and colloquial, *Billy* made his name. It is impossible to read the closing pages without being moved by the boy's plight. "The reader is honoured to witness the small miracle of its compassion," wrote one critic.

French is strikingly unaffected by his success. "I went from that empty, dark, dirty flat to the centrespread of *Time* magazine in less than two years. Man, that was too quick for me."

A small, shy man, he is elaborately polite, addressing the waitress who brings us coffee as ma'am. During lunch he shifts restlessly in his chair. "I'm not used to all this formal stuff," he says, turning to look at the Thames. As the sun catches his face you notice the knobbly scar that runs from his ear to his throat, a reminder that he almost died in Vietnam.

The scene in which he lies wounded in a paddyfield after being shot in the throat is the best in the book. "I wish I hadn't included that scene," he says. "For I didn't want my mother to know what I went through. She knew I was in Vietnam, that I got shot, but not that I lay submerged in water in the middle of a rice paddy. She didn't know the thoughts that went through my head — that I thought I was going to die."

Describing himself as "not being academically schooled", French lacks the confidence to call himself a writer. "This writing thing — I feel kind of separate from it. There is a space between me and my books that I can't explain." He is humbly surprised that the notoriously reclusive Harper Lee was delighted by his preface for a new American edition of her study of racism and loss in Alabama, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. "As a black man that book means a lot to me. I appreciated her gratitude."

Reflecting on his life-transforming success, French says that *Patches of Fire* brought him a kind of peace. It helped him, too, to remember what was good about Vietnam: that "humans are at their best when situations are at their worst". He lifts his head. His eyes, magnified like marbles behind his spectacles, shine. "Vietnam was ugly but it afforded me some beautiful moments. That speaks well of us."

● Patches of Fire *is published by Secker & Warburg at £15.99*

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

POINTS OF DEPARTURE *In the* Purcell Room (7.30pm), **Jane Chapman** performs new works for harpsichord, *using electronics and chimes to* transform and extend the sounds of her instrument. At 7.45pm in the Queen Elizabeth Hall the **Endellion String Quartet** celebrates its 18th anniversary with a programme encompassing music by Haydn and Beethoven, culminating in Janáček's passionate String Quartet No 2, *Intimate Letters*
South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242)

WIGMORE HALL The rush-hour concert (6pm) is given by Quatuor Parisii who perform Chopin's Polonaise in C minor, Nocturne in G minor and Scherzo No 2. The pianist Bernard d'Ascoli joins the quartet for Schumann's Piano Quintet in E flat. At 8pm, Sarah-Jane Bradley, viola, and Jordi Masó, piano, perform music by Bach, Schumann, Hindemith and York Bowen, together with the London premiere of Michael Berkeley's *Odd Man Out*
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) ♿

THE WINTER'S TALE David Freeman directs a modern-dress *production on* the olde-style stage. Nicholas Le Prevost plays the mischievous Autolycus
Shakespeare's Globe, Bankside, SE1 (0171-620 0202). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens June 15, 3pm. In *repertory with Henry V*, 7.30pm, mats most days, various times.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM In her second recital at the Symphony Hall, the violinist **Midori** performs Mozart's Sonata in F, Elgar's intimate Sonata in E minor and César Franck's great Sonata in A.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 8pm. ♿

GLASGOW ***Scottish Opera*** *stages a* revival of David Pountney's production of Janáček's opera, *The Cunning Little Vixen, with Rebecca Evans singing the* title role. Directed and choreographed by Stuart Hopps, with designs by Maria Bjornson. *Sung in English*
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (0141-332 3000). *Opens tonight, 7.15pm. Then May 31, June 3, 5, 7.15pm, June 7,* 2.15pm ♿

LEEDS: Chinua Achebe's famous novel, **Things Fall Apart**, showing one man's vain stand against colonialism, *adapted by Biyi Bandele. A co-*presentation with LIFT
Quarry, West Yorkshire Playhouse (0113-244 2111). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm (except Sat May 31 and Fri June 6, 8pm); mats Wed (June 4), 2pm, Sat (May 31), 4pm. Until June 7. Then at the Royal Court Upstairs, London.

LIVERPOOL Libor Pešek conducts the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** in Strauss's overture from *Die Fledermaus*, Schubert's Ninth Symphony and Berg's Violin Concerto (soloist Viktoria Mullova).
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (0151-709 3789). *Tonight, 7.30pm* ♿

LONDON GALLERIES

BAC: Blink: an exhibition by Gideon Gold and Sophie Newell (0171-223 2223) . . **Boundary**: Sylvia Melland (0171-624 1126) . . **Design Museum**: The Power of Erotic Design (0171-378 6055) . . **Goethe-Institut**: Lucia Moholy: Bauhaus Photographer (0171-411 3400) . . **National Portrait**: August Sander (0171-306 0055) . . **Osborne Studio**: "Eclectic Similarities": David Hemmings (0171-235 9667) . . **Royal Over-Seas League**: Stuart Robertson (0171-408 0214) . . . **Saatchi**: Duane Hanson (0171-624 8299) . . **Serpentine**: Anya Gallaccio (Gallery Lawn) (0171-402 6075) . . **Tate**: Michal Rovner (0171-887 8000)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
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■ **ART** David Haig, Anton Lesser, Mark Williams in this exceptionally intelligent [illegible] about friendship, [illegible] and an almost all-white painting
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Until October 4

◩ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. *Julie-Alanah Brighten and* Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths *and Norman Rossington*
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

◩ **THE CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE** The Olivier is transformed into a "theatre in the round" for Simon McBurney's production of Brecht's last *important work*. Juliet Stevenson plays Grusha, with McBurney as the ingenious judge, Azdak
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat Wed, 2pm. In rep

☐ **THE CRITICS — UP FOR REVIEW** Four theatre critics test their skills at directing. Michael Billington chooses Strindberg's *The Stronger* and Pinter's *The Lover*; James Christopher tackles a new play by Robert Young: *The Shoe Shop of Desire*; Nicholas de Jongh directs Anouilh's *The Traveller Without Luggage*, and Jeremy Kingston goes for Michel Tremblay's *Albertine in Five Times*
BAC Main House and Studios 1 and 2, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). *Tue-Sat, mats Sun, various times.* For details ring box office. Until August 27

☐ **FAT JANET IS DEAD**: Last year's Playwriting Festival winner: Steven Smith's comedy set on a south London estate during New Year's Eve 1979 where an unlikely trio celebrates the approaching decade. Jessica Dromgoole directs
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (0181-680 4060). Tue, 6.30pm, *Wed-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 5pm*

■ **LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING** Neat psychological games and sly manoeuvring are promised in Joe Penhall's new play where an aspiring couple's lifestyle is threatened by a visitor's demands for instant gratification. Mike Bradwell directs
Bush, *Shepherds Bush Green, W12* (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **MARLENE**: Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ ***SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE***: *Subtitled* "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller". Hit Broadway compilation show *celebrating a successful songwriting* team, responsible for *Hound Dog, Jailhouse Rock* and *Spanish Harlem*.
Prince of Wales, *Coventry Street, W1* (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . ☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) . . ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Criterion (0171-369 1737) . . ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum (0171-656 1807) . . ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) . . ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . ☐ ***Oliver!***: *Palladium (0171-494 5020)* . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ANNA KARENINA** (15): Trite version of Tolstoy's novel, with Sophie Marceau and Sean Bean. Director, Bernard Rose
Notting Hill Coronet ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ *(0990 888990)* ***Virgin Chelsea*** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **BEAVIS AND BUTTHEAD DO AMERICA** (12): TV's teenage morons conquer the big screen. Fun, but crude animation. Director, Mike Judge
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Empire** (0990 888990) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **JUNGLE 2 JUNGLE** (PG): Boy from the Amazon jungle humanises Wall Street broker. With Tim Allen. Director, John Pasquin
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MON HOMME (18): Adventures of a happy hooker. Redundant frolic from Bertrand Blier, with Anouk Grinberg
ABC Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** *(0171-737 2121)*

NO WAY HOME (18): Interesting but bloodless American independent movie about a former prisoner (Tim Roth) sucked into trouble. Director, Buddy Giovinazzo
Odeon Kensington (0181-315 4214) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) ***Haymarket*** *(0171-839 1527)*

CURRENT

DANGEROUS GROUND (18): Revenge thriller, set in South Africa, with Ice Cube and Elizabeth Hurley
Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

◆ **DONNIE BRASCO** (18): FBI agent *Johnny Depp befriends Mafia wiseguy Al Pacino*. Thoughtful gangster saga, directed by Mike Newell
ABC Baker Street *(0171-935 9772)* **Barbican** ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Swiss Cottage** *(0181-315 4220)* ***West End*** (0181-315 4221) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

FEVER PITCH (15): Football-crazed teacher falls in love. With Colin Firth
Odeon Mezzanine ♿ (0181-315 4215) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **LIAR LIAR** (12): Lawyer Jim Carrey tells the truth for 24 hours. Attractive comedy, soft round the edges.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Empire** (0990-888 990) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **RETURN OF THE JEDI** (U): Luke *Skywalker battles Darth Vader yet again.* Special edition of the 1983 *Star Wars* sequel, with Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ ***WHEN WE WERE KINGS*** *(PG)*: Oscar-winning portrait of the boxer Muhammad Ali, as he fights George Foreman in 1974. Director, Leon Gast
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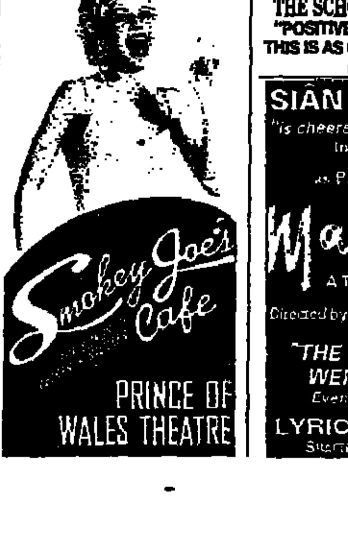

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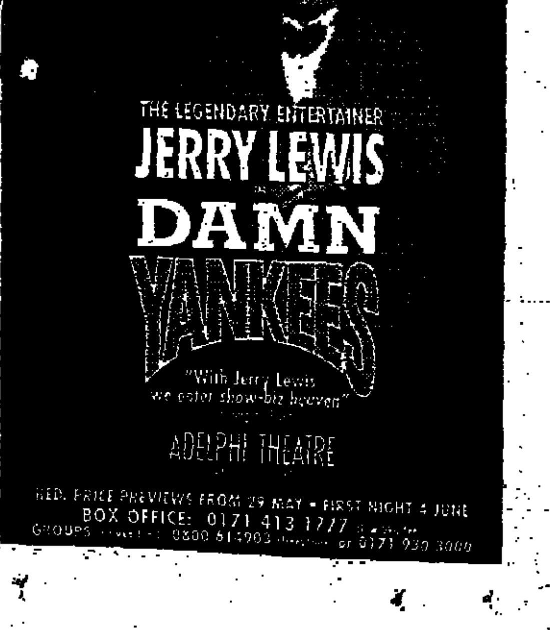

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Cranking up the machine

Tribal Gathering
Luton Hoo, Bedfordshire

Despite its perverse scheduling on the same day as the dance-music segment of Brighton's Essential Festival (see below), Saturday's Tribal Gathering at the Luton Hoo estate did not suffer unduly. Around 30,000 revellers still patiently endured lengthy traffic jams to attend what is clearly now established as a regular fixture in the festival calendar.

As the barriers between rock and dance music become ever more blurred, and with the liberalisation of nightclub licensing laws in recent years, Tribal Gathering now pitches itself at open-minded rock fans as much as at purist rave kids. Hence the proliferation of live acts on this year's bill, and the participation of non-specialist DJs such as John Peel, whose early-evening set interspersed dance tunes with classic punk, reggae and world music.

Most of the live performers opted for a similarly loose approach to musical genres. Anglo-Asian bands **Black Star Liner** and **Cornershop** concocted impressive hybrids of dub reggae, guitar pop and orchestral Indian film soundtracks. **Sneaker Pimps** bashed out slow-motion funk rock behind a singer, Kelli Dayton, who purred like a young Shirley Bassey. **Faithless**, a British collective with a large following in Europe, proved masters of soulful mood music. Bristol's **Roni Size** skilfully blended live jazz instruments with clattering jungle percussion, while the ever-reliable **Orbital** packed out the largest of nine circus tents with their hypnotic electronic symphonies, once again proving themselves worthy festival headliners.

But even Orbital themselves would admit that the main event at Tribal Gathering was the return of **Kraftwerk**. A major coup for the event's organisers, this hugely influential German band's first British show in six years could well have been their undoing. Over the last decade their illustrious canon of minimal, ground-breaking, pure electronic pop has become widely accepted as a crucial cornerstone of modern dance music. But during this period, the increasingly reclusive Dusseldorf quartet have toured just once and released nothing besides remixed archive material. Playing their first ever true rave-culture event might have revealed these 50-year-old boffins as clunky anachronisms, the Bill Haley and the Comets of computer music.

But nothing could be further from the truth. Clad in futuristic boilersuits and standing virtually motionless behind identical consoles, Kraftwerk proved more than a match for their offspring. Classic tunes such as *Autobahn* and *Trans Europe Express* still retained their uniquely pristine sparkle, while syncopated versions of *Radioactivity* and *Tour de France* induced frenzied dancing.

It was a show of immense wit and style, with synchronised video displays and much post-modern showmanship. Mechanical models of the band were entrusted with performing *We Are The Robots*, then the deadpan foursome returned in fluorescent green uniforms to deliver, in an unprecedented breach of *Kraftwerk etiquette, an as yet* unrecorded tune, which sounded wholly modern. If nothing else, Tribal Gathering provided heartening proof that the godfathers of machine *music are not ready* to become museum pieces just yet.

STEPHEN DALTON

ANGELA LUBRANO

Kelli Dayton of Sneaker Pimps, purring like a young Shirley Bassey to the band's slow-motion funk rock

Brighton rocks in the sun

Essential Music Festival
Stanmer Park, Brighton

THE Bank Holiday weekend sunshine, much improved facilities and a decent selection of bands helped to transform Brighton's Essential from a minor summer festival into a real contender.

A three-day event devoted to dance, indie and roots music, this year's Essential featured six tents plus its first open-air stage — quite a change from a couple of years ago. The only problem was that two tents were in such close proximity to the main stage that, on indie day at least, various bands found themselves sharing air space with acts whose sound wasn't necessarily compatible with their own.

This happened to **Morphine**, whose intimate, sax-fuelled blues were occasionally drowned out by the loud, punk trash of **Three Colours Red**, playing festival-friendly anthems such as *Sunny in England* on the main stage. That said, Mogwai's Sonic Youth-style guitars refused to be drowned out by anything, particularly when the whole band dived on top of the percussionist at the end.

Alabama 3 were one of several bands who played at both Tribal Gathering and Essential. But if they had hangovers, they hid them behind dark shades and Sunday best suits, quickly establishing a groove with the acid-spiked blues of *Woke up This Morning* and then really getting the crowd going with the anti-hippy anthem *Ain't Going to Goa*, and a rave version of John Prine's *Speed of the Sound of Loneliness*.

Gorky's Zygotic Mynci continued the religious country blues theme, with frontman Euros Childs banging on his organ like a demented preacher during *Diamond Dew*, then revealing the band's milder side in *Heart of Kentucky*. If the crowd's reaction was anything to go by, it won't be long before they swap Welsh-language cult status for Top 40 hits.

In complete contrast came the heavy riffs that the heavily tattooed **Korn** were pumping out from the main stage. Thankfully, **Teenage Fanclub**'s effortless melodies provided relief, particularly during the aching *Mellow Doubt*.

The Fanclub's stage was headlined by **Space**, who kicked off with the catchy *You and Me vs the World*, and proved a popular alternative to the darker pop of **Monaco** and the big rural sound of the **Levellers**, which was still emanating from the main stage as many of the festivalgoers headed for the station.

ANN SCANLON

Italy wins again

Zucchero
Empire, W12

With increasing regularity this venue plays host to visiting stars, relatively unheralded on *these shores*, who pack the Empire with expatriate devotees. So Zucchero "Sugar" Fornaciari brought his Italian supporters' club to Shepherd's Bush and turned this into a home match.

The singer *and* writer *has* been a multi-platinum fixture on the continental pop scene for a decade and now the European trade magazine, *Music & Media*, shows *The Best of Zucchero* album about *to clock up six months' service* in the pan-European rankings with sales comfortably into seven figures.

Those who swarmed to this relatively rare London appearance were put well and truly in *the mood* by Paul Thorn, a Tupelo-born troubadour whose Mississippi songcraft further endears him to audiences with each visit. He knows his way around both sensitive ballads such as *I Bet He Knows When I'm On Your Mind* and lubricious bar-room sketches such as *Two Dogs In Heat*.

Zucchero's European conquests of the past decade have gone largely unmarked here, apart from a brief period in the early 1990s when he gained a toehold with a series of duets. For the best-known of them, *Senza Una Donna*, Zucchero was joined by his partner from the record, Paul Young, but there was no sense of an English star being wheeled out to bolster a bashful visitor. By then we had had an hour or so of Eurohits galore and barely-controlled adulation for this amiable man from a poor, religious background.

Gospel and R&B undertones percolate in his brand of blues-rock, which propelled itself with boundless energy and many an animated sax, harmonica or organ fill. In velvet coat and trademark hat, Zucchero occasionally calls to mind the impassioned gesturing of Joe Cocker and is his emotive equal, even if some of those uptempo romps seem slightly time-warped to a British sensibility. But local tastes could certainly stretch to polished ballads such as *Diamante* or the new single *I Won't Be Lonely Tonight*. Just as in the World Cup in February, Italy came to London and won.

PAUL SEXTON

Mambo master

Tito Puente
Hammersmith Palais, W6

Tito Puente celebrates half a century as a band leader this year. His two-hour set at this suitably louche venue was full of the trademarks that have sustained his remarkable career and which took the big-band mambo style of New York's Latin jazz scene to its pinnacle — swing orchestrations heavy on the brass and a four-strong Afro-Cuban rhythm section led by his own virtuoso percussion.

The silver-haired Puente, now 74, remains a supreme showman, his energy apparently undiminished. He drives his Latin Jazz Ensemble with relentless bravura: for 50 minutes he neither sings nor speaks, allowing the music to establish its own credentials in an explosive burst of hot salsa while he theatrically leads the insistent beat, or clave, allowing the eight-strong brass section to riff powerfully over the top. The rhythms may be Cuban in origin but Puente's version has a more intense, nervy edge, reflecting its home on the streets of the Bronx.

Finally Puente breaks his silence, pointing out that the music might be called salsa these days, but that he was playing it 25 years before the name was invented. "You can call it whatever you want. Where I come from we call it mambo," he says. And they are off again on the second lap. Cole Porter's *I Concentrate On You*, featuring Bobby Porcelli's alto sax, is a little too sweet but a spirited rendition of *Oye Como Va* puts the show back on track.

Towards the end, the Dominican diva Yolanda Duke arrives on stage dressed in a preposterous white sequined outfit. Her opening number, *Bamboleo*, is fine but by the fourth song, her shouting style has outstayed its welcome. Over the years Puente's band has showcased some fine singers including La Lupe and Celia Cruz, but sadly Duke is not in the same class.

Having told us that he no longer does encores, Puente is forced back on stage for one last storming mambo to rank with the best of his opening burst. Despite the occasional lapse, this was a joyous celebration of 50 years of music from a true professional and an engaging performer.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

A bigger splash on Bath nights

JAZZ

Jazz Weekend
Bath Festival

Two characteristics differentiate Bath's Clerical Medical Jazz Weekend from all other UK jazz festivals. The first is its *uncompromisingly* Eurocentric stance, focused clearly on the new music end of the spectrum. The second is its organic growth from year to year, both in the way that it presents its performers and in the size and appreciation of its audiences.

Several of this year's best performances came from players who had previously appeared in individual or small-group contexts, given the chance to spread their wings in wider company. A perfect example was the Italian saxophonist **Gianluigi Trovesi**. Last year he was half of a duo, this year he was able to return with his full octet. This blended a theatrical flair with full-blooded solos from trombonist Rudi Migliardi and — on trumpet, megaphone, didgeridoo and outrageous vocals — Pino Minafra. With sections of the band splintering into marching groups or playing from among the audience, Trovesi's set never flagged, yet its innovation, particularly in the voicings for double bass, cello and bass guitar, was consistent and absorbing.

Pianist John Taylor was the soloist last year but this year maintained the trend for reappearing in a bigger group by playing with **Azimuth**: singer Norma *Winstone and trumpeter Kenny* Wheeler. Their deft, fast-moving set, with dappled shading and chamber jazz effects, stilled the bustling Pavilion audience and created a nightclub atmosphere, especially as Winstone and Wheeler negotiated the rapids of Taylor's challenging *Whirlpool*. Winstone's set piece on Steve Swallow's *Ladies in Mercedes* was as urbane a piece of small-group jazz as one could hope for, and it seems extraordinary that such an accomplished British group should work so seldom in this country.

Steve Swallow himself had appeared with Carla Bley on Friday night in her *Fancy Chamber Music*, but it was another female composer and pianist, Britain's **Nikki Yeoh**, who produced this year's main commission. Last year her trio, Infinitum, was one of the hits of the festival and this year — in keeping with the festival's sense of growth and development — she returned with **Infinitum Plus**, a 12-piece band that swaggered through her joyful explorations of a multilingual poem. There were experimental moments, video clips and Yeoh's accompanying improvisations, but the orchestral writing itself showed a firm hand, especially in passages for Christian Garrick on violin, Jenny Adepayan on cello and Gary Crosby on double bass. As the band swayed into reggae, calypso, straight-ahead jazz and moments of free form, Yeoh's sure touch belied the fact that she turned 24 on Saturday.

Yeoh's composition borrowed some of its theatricality from the ideas of Brazilian Hermeto Pascoal, who has been a major influence on young British players. *This influence was also apparent in* a mature set from Iain Ballamy's **Acme**, but there were equally theatrical moments from accordionist **Otto Lechner**, especially in his *Bosnia Suite*, which mixed folk tunes with the café demi-monde of *an earlier age, and from guitarists* **Gerard Marais** and **Nguyen Lê**. Lê's set combines Vietnamese instruments, themes and singing with his own hard-edged guitar. But for the consummate integration of musical traditions, it would be hard to beat the trio of bass clarinettist **Louis Sclavis**, bassist **Henri Texier** and drummer **Aldo Romano**. Sclavis turned in one of his most devastating displays of instrumental mastery, not simply in the well-defined territory of his debt to Eric Dolphy, but in music from the band's tours in Africa.

How did he manage such a remarkable performance? It was, he said later, because the Bath Jazz Weekend is an event with a distinctive atmosphere and "politique".

ALYN SHIPTON

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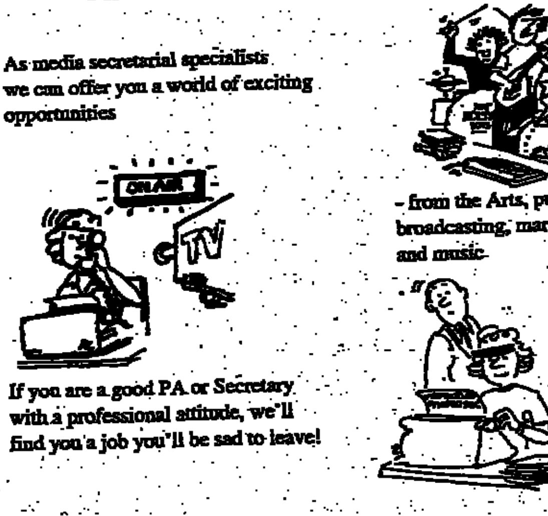

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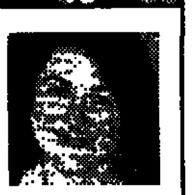

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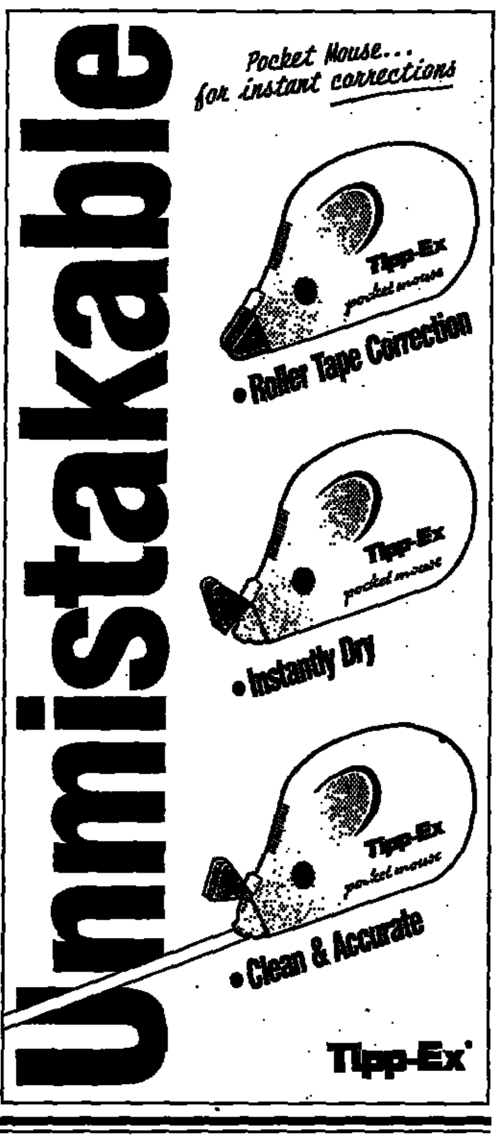

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan win proves Hughes's point

By Christopher Irvine

NOBODY was more delighted at Wigan's biggest defeat of St Helens in 194 league meetings than Eric Hughes. He had a point to prove on his return to Knowsley Road and his side overwhelmingly made it for him in a 65-12 hiding of *the old enemy in the Stones* Super League on Monday night.

"One of the things I was told when St Helens dismissed me was that I couldn't coach defence into a team," Hughes said. "That's ironic, isn't it?" In two years at the club, Hughes never experienced the satisfaction of beating Wigan and he looked similarly cursed in taking over at Central Park, when St Helens won there in March for the first time in a decade — until Monday.

By the end of last season, the choice of Shaun McRae, an Australian, as Hughes's successor at St Helens was apparently justified. Although largely with the side that Hughes built, McRae instilled the resolute attitude and self-belief that brought the double of the Challenge Cup and league championship to Knowsley Road for the first time in 30 years.

At the start of May, St Helens retained the Challenge Cup, but, in the three weeks since then, they have gone into freefall. Three defeats and a draw have transformed them from title contenders into title no-hopers. Such a sudden loss of confidence is hard to explain, not even by the crop of injuries that has revealed the champions' lack of strength in depth.

For his part, McRae took the club's heaviest defeat at home personally, describing it as embarrassing and insulting to him, the players and the supporters. With some individuals reportedly unhappy about their contracts, he has a sizeable task getting the side to concentrate on the opening world club championship game at home against Auckland Warriors on Friday week.

After four early-season defeats, there is possibly too much ground for Wigan to make up on the runaway Bradford Bulls at the top of the table. Nonetheless, a revitalised side can look forward to their three forthcoming matches in Australia — against Canterbury, Brisbane, and Canberra — with a far greater degree of confidence than seemed possible only a few weeks ago.

Hughes might have paid the price for a struggling defence at St Helens, but the Wigan side he has been moulding for the past four months now *boasts the best defensive* record in the Super League. This year is described by Hughes as one of transition, but the new-look Wigan seem fresh, invigorated and hungry for more after Monday's huge win.

The one cloud on the horizon is the possible *departure of* Jason Robinson next month, to take up the contract he signed two years ago with the Australian Rugby League. If so, the Great Britain wing will be a huge loss, just as he is back to his best. The first of his three tries at St Helens was a *dazzling piece of exhibitionism that started the rout after only* 46 seconds.

Ten further tries followed, including two by Simon Haughton, an irrepressible force in the second row alongside Andrew Farrell, the captain, who contributed 25 points, *with a try and ten goals* to equal the Super League goalscoring record. It was not until Wigan passed the half-century that St Helens got a couple of token tries. These merely interrupted a beating that they will not be able to forget in a hurry.

☐ *Paul Forber, the Salford* forward, has been referred to the Rugby Football League (RFL) disciplinary panel for a high tackle on Ian Pickavance, of St Helens, who was sent off for a retaliatory strike on Forber during the teams' encounter last week. The RFL executive committee studied video pictures of the incident, and decided that Forber had a case to answer.

Gladiators prepare to do battle as athletics seeks the magic formula

David Powell on two head-to-head duels that could provide a vision of the future for track and field

Johnson, left, and Bailey will put their reputations on the line when they meet over 150 metres at the Toronto SkyDome

Donovan Bailey was unequivocal. "Let me put it this way," *he said.* "I am the only one who has run 27 miles per hour." And so began the hype towards a race this weekend which is supposed to decide who is the world's fastest man. Less a case, perhaps, of world's fastest man than world's slowest sport out of the blocks.

Coming ten months after the Olympic Games in Atlanta, where they set one world record apiece, the contest between Bailey and Michael Johnson will decide little more than who is the fastest man in Toronto on the first Sunday in June. Any genuine *attempt to settle the quickest* human argument needed to take place immediately after the Olympics when Bailey, who clocked 9.84sec for a 100 metres world record, and Johnson, who obliterated the 200 metres mark with 19.32sec (23mph), were at their peak.

Bailey, though, has a point. It can be argued that the world's fastest man is the one who touches the highest peak velocity at any given point, that sustained speed should not come into it. Why should the issue be decided over 100, 150 or 200 metres? Let each man run any distance he chooses in an effort to hit top speed. Modern technology makes such figures attainable. Hence Swatch Timing recorded Bailey at 27.06mph at 59.50 metres in Atlanta.

However, the occasion should help to resolve one issue. The evening before Johnson and Bailey meet over 150 metres in the Toronto SkyDome, Haile Gebrselassie and Noureddine Morceli do battle over two miles in the Dutch town of Hengelo. It is a landmark weekend in determining whether athletics can regain lost support through head-to-head contests carrying substantial prize-funds.

Chariots of Fire has given way to Lorryloads of Money, with an unprecedented $3 million at stake. Bailey, a Canadian, and Johnson, a Texan, are each guaranteed $500,000, with an extra $1 million going to the winner. In Hengelo, the prize pot is $1 million.

Johnson said of his date with Bailey: "Winning is everything. If the clock says 13 seconds, if it says 16 seconds, what difference will it make?" Gebrselassie and Morceli have no such luxury. They must run the fastest two miles in history by more than three seconds or earn nothing.

Though it is hard to believe, Jos Hermens, the Hengelo promoter, says that neither of the Africans is receiving an appearance fee and that both could walk away unrewarded. It will take a Roger Bannister times two for the jackpot to be paid out. Adidas, which has put up the $1 million and insured against potential loss, is demanding the first sub eight-minute two miles.

Unlike the proliferation of world record attempts witnessed on the circuit, this requires a hard race to be won as well as a time to be beaten. The runner-up, even if he breaks eight minutes, will leave empty-handed. "They take a chance and one of them comes out with nothing," Hermens said.

Bailey versus Johnson is a two-man race which, predictably, has drawn complaints from other leading sprinters who may not have been the world's fastest man around Olympic time, but think they might be on a Sunday in June, when the peak of the season is still two months away. Gebrselassie against Morceli, although promoted as a two-man race, has a field of 15, including three pacemakers.

In that regard, there is a link with Iffley Road, Oxford, May 6, 1954. Back then, Chris Chataway and Chris Brasher set the pace. If British athletes are not the middle-distance force they were, at least promoters still trust them with the pace. One of the "rabbits" will be Anthony Whiteman, Great Britain's European indoor silver medal winner. "He is smart in setting the pace," Hermens said.

If Whiteman does a productive job, the winner will be obliged to pay him a bonus on top of his fee. When the race was announced, concern was expressed that the sport was moving towards events put on by sportswear companies for the exclusive promotion of their own athletes. In response, Hermens invited two of Nike's top runners, Daniel Komen and Salah Hissou, but the offer came too late.

Match-racing is nothing new. In 1885, during a series between Walter George and Williams Cummings, 30,000 spectators were drawn to Lillie Bridge for a mile race. More recently, Mary Slaney and Zola Budd were brought together at Crystal Palace, and Linford Christie and Carl Lewis at Gateshead, both occasions promoted as match-races, although other athletes were involved.

Toronto and Hengelo are merely offering the latest gimmickry. In the early part of the century, it was Alfred Shrubb, Britain's international cross-country champion, racing a horse over ten miles. More recently, there has been high jump to music competitions and throwers aiming javelins into coloured bull's-eyes.

Still, what are we complaining about? The money has bought clashes between athletes who might otherwise might not wish to meet outside championships. Anything that prevents great athletes avoiding each other, as Steve Ovett and Sebastian Coe did, cannot be all bad.

After the Olympics, piqued by the lack of respect Bailey was shown in the United States, his home-town newspaper paid for a series of advertisements in *USA Today.* "Welcome to Oakville, Ontario, home of the world's fastest man," ran the theme. Nothing that happens on Sunday will either validate or invalidate that claim.

BOXING

Protests as champion loses world ranking

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

CRAWFORD ASHLEY, the British and European light-heavyweight champion from Leeds, may have become the latest casualty of boxing politics. He has been dropped from the ratings of the World Boxing Organisation (WBO).

Ashley was no 2, second to Nicky Piper, of Cardiff, whom he had beaten in a British title bout in 1994.

Frank Maloney, Ashley's promoter, and the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) have written to the WBO asking for an explanation but have so far received no reply.

Maloney pointed out that, since the last ratings, Ashley has become a double champion by winning the European title. "He has not lost since his defeat by Virgil Hill in 1995, so someone has some explaining to do," Maloney said.

In his letter to the WBO, Maloney said: "I would ask the ratings committee to look at this situation and revalue the ratings as, surely, they should be done on merit and results, so Crawford Ashley *should be in the top three. Also* No 1-ranked Nicky Piper was defeated by Crawford Ashley in 1994. I feel that these ratings are unfair and ask the committee to reassess the situation."

John Morris, the secretary of the BBBC, said: "We have *demanded an explanation* from the WBO. We want to know how a European champion can be out of the ratings. This is the biggest nonsense in a long time. Ashley is genuine world class."

Morris also said that the board was extremely *concerned about boxers pulling* out of contests with Ashley. This follows two British boxers, Mark Prince, of Tottenham, and Piper, backing out of bouts. Also, Chris Eubank turned down a £300,000 offer to meet Ashley.

Ashley also accused fighers, *including Thomas Hearns, of* avoiding him. However, he is convinced that he is the victim of politics. "Boxing should be about fighters getting into the ring, but you can't even get into the ring," he said.

Ashley, who has won his past seven contests, six of them inside the distance, intends to stay busy. He has decided to defend his European title against Pascal Warusfel, of France, in Paris on Saturday.

BADMINTON: FLOCKHART BOWS TO ENGLISHMAN IN DOMESTIC BATTLE

Hall can take chance to begin revival

By Richard Eaton

DARREN HALL yesterday earned the chance of the high-profile victory for which England thirsts after last week's disastrous team event in the world championships in Glasgow. The former European champion's hard-fought victory over the leading Scot, Bruce Flockhart, gives him a meeting today in the world championship men's singles with the No 6 seed, Ong Ewe Hock, of Malaysia. If Hall plays at his best, he could make it into a close encounter.

The Essex player's 15-5, 15-11 win over Flockhart saw a first game including flashes of brilliance, but, in the second game, there were moments when his concentration wavered. Flockhart briefly took his chance to advance to 10-5 and, even when Hall recovered to 10-10, there were ten changes of service at that score before the Englishman struggled through.

Ong had to work even harder, trailing 7-12 in the final game to the tall Vladislav Druzchenko, of Ukraine, before surviving 13-18, 15-4, 15-12. Another Scot, Anne Gibson, also played courageously, overcoming oppressive heat and Carolina Eriksson, of Sweden, 11-4, 10-12, 11-3 to earn herself a second-round meeting with Han Jingna, of China, the silver medal-winner at the last world championships, in Lausanne two years ago.

Both China's top seeds won rapidly. The All-England champion, Dong Jiong, came through in 25 minutes against Jang Chun Woong, of South Korea, and the defending world champion, Ye Zhaoying, needed only 18 minutes to defeat Sandra Dimbour, of France.

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4. The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.
5. Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following 23 May 1997 (being the date of the above-mentioned special resolution) apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

STUDYHOME 1990 LIMITED
Company number 2368307
NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 SECTION 175 PURCHASE OF SHARES FROM CAPITAL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. By a special resolution of the shareholders of the above-named Company approved on 23 May 1997 the payment out of capital of £50,487.31 for the purpose of the company acquiring 54017 ordinary shares of 90p each.

2. The full list of members whose shares are being repurchased is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.

3. The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 170, 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £50,487.31.

4. The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.

5. Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following 23 May 1997 (being the date of the above-mentioned special resolution) apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

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STUDYHOME 1991 LIMITED
Company number 2358367
NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 SECTION 175 PURCHASE OF SHARES FROM CAPITAL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. By a special resolution of the shareholders of the above-named Company approved on 23 May 1997 the payment out of capital of £190,903.32 for the purpose of the company acquiring 206471 ordinary shares of 90p each.

2. The full list of members whose shares are being repurchased is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.

3. The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 170, 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £190,903.32.

4. The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.

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Virtual Studios Limited
Registered number: 2619518. Nature of business: Computer Software Consultancy & Development. Trade classification: 46. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 9 May 1997. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Midland Bank plc. (G) D H Gilbert and P R Copp Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos 2376 and 1788). Address: BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

POWERGEN CHP LTD NOTICE OF *AN APPLICATION FOR CONSENT* TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANT AT BRIDGEWATER PAPER COMPANY, ELLESMERE PORT, IN THE BOROUGH OF ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON.

Notice is hereby given that PowerGen CHP Ltd has applied under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the consent of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to construct and operate a Combined Heat and Power Plant at Bridgewater Paper Company, Ellesmere Port in the Borough of Ellesmere Port and Neston. The Section 36 area lies within the following grid reference: SJ 3900 7880.

The new Combined Heat and Power Plant (CHP Plant), will have a total electrical capacity of up to approx. 65 Megawatts (MWe) and a thermal output capacity of approx. 105 Megawatts (MWth). The new CHP Plant will comprise new equipment including a gas turbine, a steam turbine, a waste heat boiler and five stand by boilers and associated auxiliaries. The plant will include a new gas pipeline to bring gas to site from the National Transmission System and this is subject to a separate planning application.

A plan showing the land to which the application relates, together with copies of the Environmental Statement and Non Technical Summary which discuss the development in detail and present an analysis of the environmental implications are available for inspection by members of the public during normal office hours at the following addresses:

Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council, Planning Department, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, L65 0BE.
Cheshire County Council, Environmental Planning Service, Commerce House, Hunter Street, Chester, CH1 2QP.
Ellesmere Port Reference Library, Central Information Unit, Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, South Wirral, L65 0BG.
Chester Library, Northgate Street, Chester, CH1 2BF.

Copies of the Environmental Statement and Non Technical Summary can be obtained from the Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council, Planning Department, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, L65 0BE, whilst stocks last. Further copies can be obtained (for which a discretionary charge of £40 per copy may be requested), by writing to R J Kennett, PowerGen CHP Ltd, Westwood Way, Westwood Business Park, Coventry CV4 8LG.

Any objections should be made in writing to the Electricity Director, Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET, stating the name of the project and the grounds for the objection not later than 30 June 1997. It is requested that a copy of any such objection is sent to R J Kennett, Managing Director, PowerGen CHP Ltd, Westwood Way, Westwood Business Park, CV4 8LG.

Signed R J Kennett, Managing Director, PowerGen CHP Ltd.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

There was an odd sure-tricks line on this hand.

Dealer North **Game all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠K J 4 2
♥A 10 9
♦Q J 10 9
♣A 10

West:
♠A Q 8 5
♥8 7
♦8 6 3
♣J 9 8 5

East:
♠9 7 6
♥6 5 4
♦A 5 4
♣K 4 3 2

South:
♠10 3
♥K Q J 3 2
♦K 7 2
♣Q 7 6

Contract: Four Hearts by South **Lead: Six of diamonds**

North opened One No-Trump (15-17) and, as South, I bid Three Hearts. North bid Four Hearts, ending the auction. East took the diamond lead with the ace and returned a diamond, which I won with the king. When the trumps fell in three rounds, the hand was lay-down. Do you see why?

After drawing the trumps, I played off two more rounds of *diamond, discarding* a spade from hand. This left this position, with the lead in dummy:

North:
♠K J 4 2
♥—
♦—
♣A 10

South:
♠10
♥Q J
♦—
♣Q 7 6

I needed one more trick, and could afford to lose two more. When I led a spade from dummy, the contract was assured. Whichever player won with the queen, he would have to set up a spade, or play a club, establishing a trick there (if East had won the queen of spades and played a spade, all I had to do was discard a club). Not difficult: other less secure lines would also have brought home the contract.

☐ The EBU Spring Bank Holiday Congress was held in Bournemouth at the weekend. The championship pairs was won by Malcolm Pryor and Tim Pike, of Surrey, while the Swiss teams was won by Chris Jagger and Giles Woodruff (*Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire*), Alan White (Wiltshire) and John Young (Northamptonshire).

☐ Robert Sheehan writes Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

King's gambit

In recent tournaments, Nigel Short has shown a penchant for resurrecting the largely neglected king's gambit. During the 19th century, the king's gambit was one of the great highways of master chess and resulted in many slashing *brilliancies.*

For many decades, the king's gambit lay neglected, but Short has demonstrated that White need not go all out for checkmate but can rely on his greater control of the centre, if Black accepts the gambit pawn, to give him an advantage in the endgame.

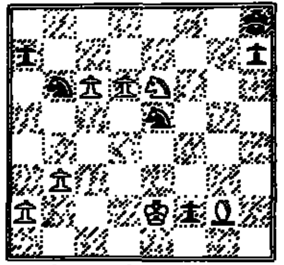
In the game today, from the elite tournament in Madrid, a fascinating pawn race develops between Short's mass of pawns on the queenside and Black's passed pawn on the g-file. Ultimately, Short neutralises Black's prospective queen, while crashing through with his own pawns.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Vladimir Akopian
Madrid, May 1997

King's Gambit

1	e4	e5
2	f4	exf4
3	Nf3	d6
4	d4	g5
5	h4	g4
6	Ng1	Bh6
7	Nc3	c6
8	Nge2	Qf6
9	g3	fxg3
10	Nxg3	Bxc1
11	Rxc1	Qh6
12	Bd3	Qe3+
13	Nce2	Ne7
14	Qd2	Qxd2+
15	Kxd2	d5
16	Rce1	Be6
17	Nf4	0-0
18	exd5	Nxd5
19	Nxe6	fxe6
20	Rxe6	Nd7
21	Nf5	Kh8
22	Rf1	Rae8
23	Rxe8	Rxe8
24	c4	N5f6
25	Ng3	c5
26	d5	Kg7
27	Nf5+	Kh8
28	Nd6	Rf8
29	Re1	g3
30	Bf5	Nb6
31	b3	Ne8
32	Nxb7	Ng7
33	Bh3	Rf4
34	Nxc5	Rxh4
35	Bg2	Rh2
36	Re2	Nf5
37	Be4	Nd6
38	Bf3	Rh6
39	Ne6	Rf6
40	Bg2	Nd7
41	c5	Nf7
42	d6	Nfe5
43	Bd5	Rf5
44	c6	Nb6
45	Bg2	Rf2
46	Rxf2	gxf2
47	Ke2	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

YALE
a. The green woodpecker
b. To grieve
c. A beast

VILL
a. To revile
b. Disgusting
c. A village

WOUGH
a. A cloak of skins
b. A bark
c. The transerve of warp

YUFFROUW
a. A large ruff
b. A girl
c. A furrow for seed

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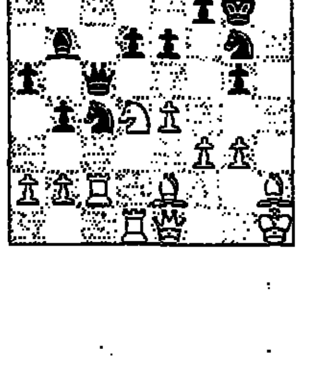
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Arnold — Enders, Bundesliga, 1997. Here, Black combined play on the h-file and g1-a7 diagonal to force a powerful breakthrough. Can you see how?



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Ancient rivalry still cuts deepest

SIMON BARNES

Midweek View

The most revealing remark made by the *Hardyesquely-named* Hollioake brothers in their contribution to the gaiety of the English spring was that if they were to go to the lavatory together, they would compete to see who could squirt higher *up the wall*.

School playgrounds are elemental places. If the preparation for Empire and the Battle of Waterloo was on the playing fields of England, then the preparation for the playing fields of professional sport is in the playgrounds.

No rivalry like brothers. It's been happening since the fixture between Cain and Abel, a couple who could not settle their differences with a mere urination contest. Ben and Adam (see what I mean about Hardy?) Hollioake say they have never finished a game of ping pong. One or the other always storms out at 19-all.

The *brief Texaco Trophy* one-day cricket series between England and Australia gave us the intriguing, but hardly unique, spectacle of brother seeking to outdo brother in the same field of excellence. The Hollioakes on the English side; the Waugh twins, Steve and Mark, on the other. On this occasion, our Australians were better than theirs.

The Waughs have the ultimate brothers-in-sport story. Steve was appointed to tell Mark that he had at last been picked for Australia. "Who's the mug they've dropped?" "Me."

Greg and Ian Chappell, serial captains of Australia, were both great cricketers. But the third one, Trevor, lives forever in the memory as the cricketer who, instructed by Greg, bowled the notorious *underarm ball to prevent New* Zealand from attempting the six-hit they needed to win off the last ball.

Ian, by then a commentator, had his say: "Fair dinkum, Greg. How much pride do you sacrifice to win 35,000 dollars?"

The relationship between brothers is a mystery to those *outside. Born* as rivals, brought up as more than friends, *discomfortingly similar*, disconcertingly different. It is no surprise that brothers often appear together in team games. That combination of rivalry and common hope.

Jack and Bobby Charlton *are perhaps England's most* famous footballing brothers. They were always an antithetical pair: Bobby, the dashing attacker, the irrestible force, Jack the hard-man defender, the immovable object; Bobby, the *manager* who fell at the first hurdle, Jack, the manager *recognised by the Pope.* Their tale starts with the teasing rivalries of the playground and moves to the bitterness of later life. The two rarely speak to one another now.

England produced the Underwood brothers, Rory and *Tony, on opposite wings of the* rugby union team. Their rivalry was, or at least seemed, a relatively benign one. Rory had the head start on Tony: Tony is now in South Africa and vying for Rory's former place on the wing with the British Isles.

The thing about sporting rivalries is that, although they are in some ways benign, at least when compared with Cain and Abel, they are quantifiable. Brother can measure himself up against brother *and face his own failure.* Patrick McEnroe was never the tennis player John was, though nor was anyone else.

Ian Greig was always supposed to be a better cricketer than Tony, but was not. Robin Smith was always supposed to be better than Chris, and was. Dean Waugh was always going to be a better batsman than Steve or Mark, and never was. Denny Waugh was never even in the frame.

The thing about most sibling rivalries is that the issues are never quite closed: there is *never a hard-and-fast winner.* The ping pong match is never finished, the bantering never ceases. But sport can spell out the end of possibilities: that one brother has slain the hopes of the other.

It happens in worlds other than sport. "I'm not saying he *has no sense of humour,*" the stock witticism runs, "but he thinks the funniest of the Marx Brothers is Zeppo."

Alas, poor Zeppo: fourth of the brothers of imperishable *memory after Groucho,* Harpo and Chico. But what of Gummo? He was the fifth of the Marx brothers, who left the act early. They went on to perform as the Four Nightingales, before they became the Marx Brothers.

Every family is both a *drama and mystery, every* brother is a rival and, for every Groucho there is a a Gummo, every Steve a Denny. I often write about sport as a theatre of cruelty, but nothing has as much scope for cruelty as family life. That is because families are almost everything: *sport is only a small* part of everything.

SEAN DEMPSEY

The Hollioake brothers, Ben, left, and Adam, who thrive on their rivalry

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

2.20 Songsheet. 2.50 Red Maple. 3.20 *Ocean Park.* 3.55 Effectual. 4.25 Abtaal. 4.55 Keen Waters. 5.25 Farley Green.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW BEST

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

2.20 BREDE FILLIES HANDICAP

(£3,494: 5f) (9 runners)

101 38-0 ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 6 (B,D,F,G) E Wheeler 5-9-13 A Daly (5) 3
102 02-0 SHIFTING TIME 16 I Balding 3-9-8 K Darley 6
103 0250 SONGSHEET 5 (D,G) M Saunders 4-9-8 P P Murphy (5) 4
104 5162 RUNS IN THE FAMILY 9 (B,D,BF,G,S) G McCourt 5-9-3 D Harrison 9
105 0020 PEARL DAWN 5 (D,F,G) P Clarke 7-8-12 N Adams 2
106 0-00 THE FUGATIVE 11 P Mitchell 4-8-8 A Whelan (3) 5
107 0154 COLLEGE NIGHT 5 (F) S C Williams 5-8-6 M Henry (3) 7
108 /5-0 POPPY MY LOVE 11 I Campbell 4-8-3 R Price 8
109 050- MIDNIGHT TIMES 295 D O'Brien 3-8-2 G Duffield 1

5-2 Runs In The Family, 9-2 College Night, 11-2 Another Batchworth, Shifting Time, 13-2 Songsheet, 7-1 Pearl Dawn, 16-1 The Fugative, 20-1 others.

2.50 WESTENHANGER MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3,641: 6f) (13)

201 0 BEN RINNES 10 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 A Clark 8
202 4 ELEVENTH DUKE 47 (BF) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 1
203 00 FAR-SO-LA 47 T Jones 9-0 A Daly (5) 6
204 24 IMPULSE 11 A Jarvis 9-0 W J O'Connor 5
205 26 KENNET 32 P Cundell 9-0 R Perham 4
206 MASTER MAC R Akehurst 9-0 S Sanders 7
207 5 RED MAPLE 10 P Cole 9-0 — 3
208 SAINT MALO D Loder 9-0 K Darley 10
209 6 STRIDING KING 13 M Channon 9-0 R Hughes 12
210 0 SWIFT ALLIANCE 10 R Akehurst 9-0 D Harrison 2
211 TEMUJIN D O'Brien 9-0 R Cochrane 9
212 BERMUDA TRIANGLE M Haynes 8-9 A Whelan (3) 11
213 32 SOFT TOUCH 37 Miss G Kelleway 8-9 G Duffield 13

11-4 Saint Malo, 9-2 Soft Touch, 6-1 Eleventh Duke, Red Maple, 8-1 Master Mac, 12-1 Impulse, Kennet, Striding King, 14-1 others.

3.20 LYMPNE LIMITED STAKES

(£3,231: 1m 4f) (10)

301 0001 OPERA BUFF 5 (D,F,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-13 A Whelan (3) 7
302 -100 ILLUMINATE 16 (D,S) D O'Brien 4-9-11 R Cochrane 4
303 4000 BOWLED OVER 5 (D,G) C Cyzer 4-9-9 W J O'Connor 2
304 -053 CAROL'S DREAM 14 (G) J Hills 5-9-9 M Henry (3) 5
305 6-02 FLORENTINO 5 (C,BF,F,G) B Hills 4-9-9 M Hills 6
306 66-0 GUMAIR 13 R Hannon 4-9-9 R Perham 1
307 -040 ISITOFF 5 (D,G) S C Williams 4-9-9 K Darley 8
308 -064 OCEAN PARK 16 (CD,F,G) Lady Herries 6-9-9 D O'Shea 10
309 030- ESTA MARIA 32 (B,D) P Smith (Bel) 4-9-6 G Duffield 3
310 10-4 RUSSIAN ROSE 13 (F) J Toller 4-9-6 A Clark 9

3-1 Ocean Park, 4-1 Florentino, 9-2 Opera Buff, 11-2 Russian Rose, 7-1 Isitoff, 8-1 Carol's Dream, 10-1 Gumair, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 6 winners from 21 runners, 28.6%; S C Williams, 7 from 27, 25.9%; Lady Herries, 5 from 20, 25.0%; J Pearce, 11 from 53, 20.8%; R Akehurst, 15 from 84, 17.9%; J Bradley, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 7 winners from 23 rides, 30.4%; K Darley, 6 from 20, 30.0%; Pat Eddery, 9 from 34, 26.5%; Dane O'Neill, 12 from 63, 19.0%; G Duffield, 18 from 99, 18.2%; T Sprake, 11 from 61, 18.0%.

3.55 GLANMOOR GROUP CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP

(£5,580: 1m 1f 149yd) (10)

401 3211 EFFECTUAL 4 (D,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-6 (5ex) R Hughes 5
402 0-00 PROSPECTOR'S COVE 15 (D,G,S) J Pearce 4-9-13 M Wigham 8
403 02-3 DANISH RHAPSODY 18 Lady Herries 4-9-12 D O'Shea 1
404 0/20 VIRTUAL REALITY 26 (D,F) J Toller 6-9-8 S Sanders 7
405 2040 LOVE HAS NO PRIDE 15 (F,G) R Hannon 3-9-4 Dane O'Neill 3
406 10-0 BANDORE 11 (F) D Loder 3-9-3 K Darley 4
407 -365 ASHBY HILL 10 (CD,BF,F,G,S) R Rowe 6-9-0 A Clark 10
408 5000 KRISCLIFFE 11 (F) G Lewis 4-8-12 A Whelan (3) 6
409 3211 SCATHEBURY 16 (F,G,S) K Burke 4-8-8 D Holland 9
410 -353 CARLYS QUEST 13 J Neville 3-7-10 Martin Dwyer (3) 2

5-2 Effectual, 7-1 Danish Rhapsody, Virtual Reality, Bandore, Ashby Hill, Scathebury, 8-1 Carlys Quest, 10-1 others.

4.25 SELLINDGE CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES

(Div I: £2,277: 6f 189yd) (14)

501 -420 ABTAAL 4 (D,G) R Hodges 7-9-6 R Cochrane 6
502 340- OLD HOOK 479 (C,D,F,G,S) P Smith (Bel) 6-9-6 A Whelan (3) 7
503 00-0 SANDICLIFFE 19 B Hills 4-9-5 M Hills 1
504 2-00 DARK MENACE 116 (B,F) E Wheeler 5-9-4 A Daly (5) 13
505 0366 FIRST GOLD 5 (B,D,F,G,S) J Wharton 8-9-4 G Duffield 5
506 -060 ASTERIX 18 (B,D,F,G) J Bradley 9-9-0 Sophie Mitchell (3) 11
507 005- CLYTHA HILL LAD 319 J Bradley 6-9-0 G Hind 4
508 5000 ARNIE 9 J Poulton 5-8-12 Martin Dwyer (3) 10
509 0-00 SWEET SEVENTEEN 17 H Collingridge 4-8-11 N Adams 12
510 6006 SHERWOOD 5 K Ivory 4-8-9 C Scally 9
511 0-00 AR HYD Y KNOS 13 R Charlton 3-8-6 T Sprake 2
512 05-0 JINGOIST 14 (B,G) J L Harris 3-8-4 S Sanders 8
513 00-0 DON'T FORGET SHOKA 47 (S) J S Moore 3-8-2 Aimee Cook (5) 3
514 5030 LE SHUTTLE 22 (V) M Tompkins 3-8-2 M Henry (3) 14

11-2 Ar Hyd Y Knos, 6-1 Jingoist, 13-2 Sandicliffe, 7-1 Dark Menace, Le Shuttle, 8-1 Old Hook, 12-1 Abtaal, First Gold, 14-1 others

4.55 SELLINDGE CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES

(Div II: £2,277: 6f 189yd) (14)

601 0-00 JAAZIM 7 (B,D,G) M Madgwick 7-9-10 A Eddery (7) 7
602 1540 RAWI 65 (D,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-10 Angela Gallimore (7) 9
603 3-33 NOR'S DEED 26 (D,F) C Wall 4-9-6 G Duffield 12
604 2054 ZAHRAN 23 (D,F,G) J Bradley 6-9-4 A Daly (5) 2
605 000- BARBRALLEN 191 Mrs L Jewell 5-9-3 Sophie Mitchell (5) 5
606 0000 FANCY DESIGN 11 (V) P Mitchell 4-8-13 M Hills 3
607 0-30 WING OF A PRAYER 14 W Jarvis 3-8-13 S Sanders 13
608 0000 KOMODO 82 J Long 5-8-12 Leesa Long 14
609 0-00 OKAY BABY 27 (F) J Bradley 5-8-11 M Henry (3) 6
610 00-0 LADYBOWER 20 (G) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-9 Aimee Cook (5) 11
611 -000 KEEN WATERS 11 J Arnold 3-8-6 D Harrison 1
612 500- NO CLASS 263 I Campbell 3-8-4 R Price 10
613 0450 JUKEBOX JIVE 30 C Dwyer 3-8-2 G Hind 8
614 -000 SKIPPY WAS A KIWI 13 (V) A Jarvis 3-8-0 A Whelan (3) 4

3-1 Nor's Deed, 5-1 Rawi, 7-1 Wing Of A Prayer, 8-1 Keen Waters, Jukebox Jive, Skippy Was A Kiwi, 10-1 Ladybower, 12-1 others.

5.25 SMEETHE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-0: £3,226: 6f 189yd) (11)

1 0-2 GOODBYE GATEMEN 14 B Pearce 9-0 Martin Dwyer (3) 8
2 KILDEE BOY A P Jones 9-0 R Price 10
3 03-0 PETER PERFECT 22 (B) G Lewis 9-0 A Whelan (3) 9
4 0- BEVELED CRYSTAL 263 C James 8-9 M Henry (3) 11
5 00-0 DORADO BEACH 88 L Cottrell 8-9 M Wigham 1
6 3 FARLEY GREEN 19 H Candy 8-9 C Rutter 7
7 032 GOING GREEN 22 J Fanshawe 8-9 D Harrison 5
8 JUVENILIA J Toller 8-9 S Sanders 2
9 0-0 KANAWA 17 A P Jones 8-9 G Hind 3
10 3 MOON SONG 93 A Jarvis 8-9 W J O'Connor 4
11 0 SIRWA 14 D O'Brien 8-9 G Duffield 6

5-2 Farley Green, 3-1 Going Green, 4-1 Moon Song, 6-1 Goodbye Gatemen, 10-1 Peter Perfect, 14-1 Juvenilia, 16-1 Kildee Boy, Sirwa, 20-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Cartmel: 3.00 *Rallying Cry* 3.35 Praise Be. 4.05 Don't Tell Judy. Folkestone: 3.20 Esta Maria. 4.25 Le Shuttle. 4.55 Skippy Was A Kiwi. Hereford: 7.00 Napoleon's Gold Ripon: 8.40 Bold Brief. Euroquest. Fine Times Yarmouth: 2.10 Eurofen. 4.15 Moorbird. 4.45 Law Dancer, Perfect Angel

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	—— (R Knowle)	5077
2	Rathatnas X I (Mr N Rathatna)	4925
3	Kim's Best (Mr D Geraghty)	4921
4	Also Rans (Mr M Jordan)	4916
5	*The Twins (Mr B Collinson)*	4892
6	Meadlesex A (DJ Mead)	4888
7	Stewarts Stars (S Farran)	4887
8	The Magnificent (Mr E Langley)	4879
9	Webbers Post (Mr EG Evans)	4861
10	Ace All Rounders (Mr A Eade)	4854
11=	The Hustler (J Huckerby)	4818
11=	Alleyne's Army (Mr J Coulter)	4818
13	*Fantasy Formbk E (G Crutchley)*	4796
14	Spinattack (Mr I De Silva)	4795
15	Bellicose Blades (Mr DW Bell)	4793
16	Polly's Batters (Mr W Wilson)	4791
17	Dolly The Sheep (Mr K Cunion)	4784
18	*Redwards (RA Edwards)*	4771
19	Wombies Allstars (KJ Davis)	4770
20	Peanut Team 2 (Mr S Parnham)	4764
21	Daves Demons (Mr D Taggoo)	4762
22	Cod And Chips Pa (Mr P Stebbings)	4741
23	Wicket Kings (Mr D Fenton)	4738
24	Fantasy Form B K (Mr G Crutchley)	4736
25	K T S 1 (Mrs KT Sullivan)	4728
26=	Injury Free X I (IJ Hunt)	4726
26=	Sudbrook Park (Mr C Wyatt)	4726
28	*The Yardley Ye-H (Mr K Loxton)*	4720
29	Scrappy X I (Ms E Armstrong)	4717
30	(Mr A Hoyes)	4703
31	Ashes Coming Hom (Mr JH Stewart)	4694
32	Bum Bridge Stra (Mr JS Hutchinso)	4692
33	*Beads Up North (Mr P Job)*	4689
34	Hedgers Grove (Mr D Payne)	4684
35	Toms Hill Wicket (Mr T Lundy)	4680
36=	All Round Abilit (W Burnett)	4678
36=	Jewelsie's Gems (M Jewel)	4678
38	Jayben X I (Mr K Jenkinson)	4671
39	Judy's Gent (J Daykin)	4666
40=	The Batsman's Si (R Ree)	4664
40=	*Tramond Teams (R Bailie)*	4664
42	Terry Team (Mr L Terry)	4663
43	Five Lobs (Mr P Johnson)	4653
44	Tiger Wood C C (Mr P Barlow)	4650
45	Low And Go H A P (Mr N Johns)	4648
46=	Invicta B (Mr AB Jarvis)	4640
46=	Young Ones (Mr J Lewis)	4640
48=	Huge Hicksters (J Hall)	4639
48=	*Burnleyshire (Mr D Ashworth)*	4639
48=	White Horses (Mr N Beck)	4639
51	Lynns Lions (Mr D Nicol)	4638
52=	Godza All Vander (P Mason)	4635
53=	Sarah Hayden C C (Mr M Trott)	4633
53=	No Hope (Mr A Hobbs)	4633
55=	Gone Batty (Mr P Daniels)	4631
55=	Cerys Little Sol (Mr J Paginton)	4631
55=	Carys Little Sol (Mr J Paginton)	4631
55=	Kenneths Soldier (JS Pagenton)	4631
58	Off To A Good St (Mr J Swirles)	4627
59	Diamond White (Mr R White)	4626
60	Sankersey Formbk (Mr G Crutchly)	4622
61=	Redland Sloggers (JR Hope)	4621
61=	All Out (Mr A Charlton)	4621
63	Slightly Byassed (Mr M Trovell)	4619
64	*Friday Night X I (Mr B McFerran)*	4618
65	The Dream Team (I Young)	4616
66	Mustafa Cricket (M Marashi)	4615
67	*Fairweather XI (MH Hawkes)*	4614
68	The 1997 X I (Miss JM Hutchin)	4612
69	Caroline C (A Luckhurst)	4609
70	Ward's Wickstake (Mr AB Ward)	4607
71	Bambi's Boys (Mr P Westerman)	4605
72	Doodyteds (Mr J Royston)	4601
73=	Seam's Good' (Mr L Davies)	4600
73=	Cat (C Booth)	4600
73=	Coalmenshire (D Coalman)	4600
76	Points Galore (Mr D Fenton)	4599
77	*Re-Wards Galore (Mr C Ward)*	4597
78	Immy X 1 (Mr I Abrahim)	4593
78=	Shadow Leader 26 (Mr D Finley)	4593
80	Floppy Fat Bellies (Mr D Sharp)	4592
81	Willow Wonderers (Mr A Bridges)	4588
82	Byssed Yorkers X (Mr T Norfolk)	4583
83	The Nancy Boys (Mr G Hart)	4581
84	G R Lads 1 (Mr A Gordon)	4578
85	Meg's Eleven (Mr S Simmons)	4575
86=	Yarm Toon XI (Mr K Jones)	4574
86=	Orun My Hat (T Bullen)	4574
88	(S Mickleson)	4572
89=	Windy's Warriors (Mr G Miller)	4571
89=	The Morris Men (JE Bartlett)	4571
91	Porkus (Mr W Clarke)	4570
92	Howzat (Mr C Ramsay)	4569
93	*Jim's Giants (Mr JH Parker)*	4568
94=	Easy Beats (Mr J Welsh)	4565
94=	Linseeds (R Hoy)	4565
94=	Spin Twins (Mr JT Wookman)	4565
97	Scorpiods (Mr P Jewsbury)	4564
98	Rug Catchers (Mr A Rees)	4562
99	Three Lobs (Mr P Johnson)	4559
100	Trucks Are Us (Mr J Knight)	4554

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by May 25. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**. Rising Stars in *italic*.

Batsmen (001-146)

Category A

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
C J Adams (001)	338 (188)	0 (0)	7 (2)	498 (238)
G F Archer (002)	158 (114)	3 (2)	8 (4)	348 (224)
M A Atherton (003)	206 (118)	0 (0)	2 (1)	261 (148)
C W J Athey (004)	451 (163)	0 (0)	1 (1)	496 (193)
R J Bailey (005)	337 (198)	1 (0)	4 (2)	462 (243)
A J Barnett (006)	66 (28)	0 (0)	0 (0)	66 (28)
D J Bicknell (007)	78 (42)	0 (0)	0 (0)	78 (42)
G S Blewett (008)	28 (28)	0 (0)	0 (0)	28 (28)
D C Boon (009)	289 (130)	0 (0)	4 (0)	379 (135)
P D Bowler (010)	191 (93)	2 (2)	3 (1)	301 (158)
A D Brown (011)	258 (218)	0 (0)	1 (1)	268 (248)
M A Butcher (012)	165 (75)	0 (0)	6 (4)	250 (140)
P A Cottey (013)	189 (75)	1 (1)	5 (1)	274 (115)
J P Crawley (014)	250 (52)	0 (0)	5 (0)	270 (57)
K M Curran (015)	233 (147)	0 (0)	3 (2)	293 (197)
M T G Elliott (016)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
N H Fairbrother (017)	225 (97)	0 (0)	1 (1)	235 (122)
J E R Gallian (018)	319 (206)	0 (0)	6 (2)	424 (261)
M W Gatting (019)	253 (59)	0 (0)	7 (2)	378 (99)
G A Gooch (020)	55 (20)	0 (0)	5 (2)	155 (60)
M L Hayden (021)	281 (102)	4 (0)	2 (0)	396 (107)
D L Hemp (022)	120 (69)	0 (0)	2 (0)	140 (69)
G A Hick (023)	236 (65)	2 (1)	7 (1)	476 (105)
A J Hollioake (024)	195 (123)	8 (4)	1 (1)	385 (233)
N Hussain (025)	91 (8)	0 (0)	3 (1)	136 (8)
S P James (026)	397 (99)	0 (0)	4 (2)	502 (134)
D M Jones (027)	269 (130)	0 (0)	5 (1)	379 (155)
J H Kallis (028)	132 (19)	9 (0)	4 (0)	377 (19)
N V Knight (029)	120 (16)	0 (0)	2 (0)	165 (16)
J S Laney (030)	28 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	48 (0)
M N Lathwell (031)	81 (15)	1 (1)	1 (0)	66 (-5)
G D Lloyd (032)	122 (22)	0 (0)	2 (1)	147 (22)
M B Loye (033)	172 (27)	0 (0)	2 (1)	217 (122)
M P Maynard (034)	132 (81)	0 (0)	2 (0)	172 (81)
A McGrath (035)	145 (13)	0 (0)	3 (1)	175 (33)
R R Montgomerie (036)	121 (60)	0 (0)	2 (0)	141 (60)
T M Moody (037)	174 (72)	1 (1)	3 (1)	264 (117)
H Morris (038)	259 (33)	0 (0)	2 (0)	309 (33)
M D Moxon (039)	33 (33)	0 (0)	0 (0)	13 (13)
T L Penney (040)	171 (51)	0 (0)	2 (1)	216 (71)
M R Ramprakash (041)	316 (59)	0 (0)	2 (1)	376 (64)
R T Robinson (042)	127 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)	182 (0)
P V Simmons (043)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M J Slater (044)	18 (18)	0 (0)	0 (0)	18 (18)
B F Smith (045)	112 (13)	0 (0)	0 (0)	97 (13)
R A Smith (046)	296 (106)	0 (0)	0 (0)	286 (111)
A J Stewart (047)	247 (126)	0 (0)	6/1 (2/1)	397 (211)
M A Taylor (048)	18 (18)	0 (0)	0 (0)	18 (18)
G P Thorpe (049)	422 (127)	0 (0)	6 (3)	562 (192)
M P Vaughan (050)	215 (69)	3 (1)	1 (0)	305 (94)
T R Ward (051)	302 (176)	0 (0)	1 (1)	232 (206)
M E Waugh (052)	131 (131)	1 (1)	0 (0)	156 (156)
S R Waugh (053)	60 (60)	0 (0)	2 (2)	100 (100)
A P Wells (054)	228 (68)	0 (0)	0 (0)	233 (68)
V J Wells (055)	143 (95)	4 (0)	3 (1)	248 (130)
W P C Weston (056)	217 (56)	0 (0)	3 (2)	267 (96)

Category B

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
J J Whitaker (057)	80 (35)	0 (0)	2 (0)	80 (35)
D A Blenkiron (058)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D Byas (059)	346 (136)	0 (0)	2 (1)	406 (166)
M E Cassar (060)	73 (40)	2 (1)	0 (0)	113 (60)
G R Cowdrey (061)	251 (107)	2 (2)	0 (0)	298 (147)
R J Cunliffe (062)	172 (23)	0 (0)	2 (1)	172 (3)
T S Curtis (063)	56 (52)	0 (0)	2 (2)	96 (92)
A Dale (064)	197 (54)	5 (2)	0 (0)	267 (99)
J A Daley (065)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R I Dawson (066)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M P Dowman (067)	113 (38)	2 (0)	1 (1)	173 (58)
A W Evans (068)	3 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)
A Flintoff (069)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A Fordham (070)	44 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)	84 (0)
D F Fulton (071)	94 (69)	0 (0)	4 (3)	174 (129)
A P Grayson (072)	250 (96)	7 (2)	6 (3)	520 (201)
K Greenfield (073)	216 (101)	1 (0)	3 (2)	276 (141)
A Habib (074)	211 (21)	0 (0)	6 (3)	336 (81)
T H C Hancock (075)	150 (73)	2 (1)	4 (1)	275 (118)
R J Harden (076)	344 (157)	0 (0)	4 (2)	449 (217)
J C Harrison (077)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A N Hayhurst (078)	12 (12)	2 (2)	0 (0)	52 (53)
G R Haynes (079)	225 (115)	7 (2)	2 (0)	420 (160)
D R Hewson (080)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A J Hibbert (081)	17 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)	77 (0)
T P Hodgson (082)	113 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	143 (0)
P C L Holloway (083)	42 (39)	0 (0)	2 (2)	82 (79)
W J House (084)	117 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)	177 (0)
S Hutton (085)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P Johnson (086)	453 (180)	0 (0)	5 (2)	583 (235)
M Keech (087)	46 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	66 (0)
W S Kendall (088)	205 (49)	0 (0)	2 (0)	245 (49)
G J Kennis (089)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R A Kettleborough (090)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G A Khan (091)	108 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	113 (0)
W G Khan (092)	102 (59)	0 (0)	2 (1)	142 (79)
D A Leatherdale (093)	123 (100)	4 (1)	0 (0)	208 (125)
N J Lenham (094)	57 (57)	0 (0)	1 (1)	77 (77)
J J B Lewis (095)	142 (78)	0 (0)	4 (1)	227 (103)
N J Llong (096)	90 (18)	2 (1)	1 (1)	130 (38)
M A Lynch (097)	272 (42)	0 (0)	2 (0)	322 (42)
G I Macmillan (098)	39 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	59 (0)
D L Maddy (099)	305 (124)	1 (0)	6 (1)	455 (154)
M R May (100)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P C McKeown (101)	83 (83)	0 (0)	2 (2)	123 (123)
A A Metcalfe (102)	55 (19)	0 (0)	1 (1)	75 (39)
S P Moffat (103)	166 (68)	0 (0)	2 (0)	211 (68)
A J Moles (104)	107 (68)	0 (0)	3 (2)	172 (113)
J E Morris (105)	311 (85)	0 (0)	1 (1)	346 (105)
K Newell (106)	241 (152)	8 (6)	1 (1)	431 (302)
D P Ostler (107)	182 (86)	0 (0)	6 (3)	312 (151)
J E Owen (108)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K A Parsons (109)	29 (27)	3 (0)	4 (1)	169 (47)
S D Peters (110)	102 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	132 (0)
P R Pollard (111)	80 (28)	0 (0)	4 (0)	160 (28)
J C Pooley (112)	106 (9)	0 (0)	4 (1)	186 (29)
M J Powell (113)	20 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)	60 (0)
P J Prichard (114)	189 (30)	0 (0)	3 (1)	259 (50)
T A Radford (115)	4 (4)	0 (0)	2 (2)	24 (24)
R K Rao (116)	100 (15)	1 (0)	1 (1)	125 (35)
J D Ratcliffe (117)	108 (62)	2 (0)	0 (0)	128 (62)
D J Roberts (118)	18 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	38 (0)
D D J Robinson (119)	87 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	132 (21)
A S Rollins (120)	50 (30)	0 (0)	2 (1)	50 (30)
M A Roseberry (121)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D J G Sales (122)	10 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	10 (0)
O A Shah (123)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
N Shahid (124)	174 (45)	0 (0)	2 (0)	194 (25)
A Singh (125)	156 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	186 (0)
E T Smith (126)	172 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	202 (0)
N J Speak (127)	178 (17)	0 (0)	1 (1)	182 (37)
K R Spiring (128)	194 (59)	0 (0)	3 (1)	239 (73)
J P Stephenson (129)	143 (51)	12 (2)	5 (1)	483 (111)
I J Sutcliffe (130)	9 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	9 (0)
A J Swann (131)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
N R Taylor (132)	182 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)	247 (0)
S P Titchard (133)	25 (25)	2 (2)	1 (1)	85 (65)
N J Trainor (134)	79 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	19 (-40)
M E Trescothick (135)	24 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	44 (0)
T A Tweats (136)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M J Walker (137)	147 (73)	0 (0)	1 (0)	172 (73)
M A Wagh (138)	69 (0)	3 (0)	3 (0)	174 (0)
C D Walsh (139)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
T C Walton (140)	146 (111)	0 (0)	1 (0)	176 (121)
P E Wellings (141)	13 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	33 (0)
R M S Weston (142)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P R Whitaker (143)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G W White (144)	160 (24)	0 (0)	2 (1)	205 (44)
M G N Windows (145)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A J Wright (146)	138 (62)	0 (0)	0 (0)	158 (62)

All-rounders (147-185)

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
M W Alleyne (147)	210 (23)	16 (5)	2 (0)	590 (123)
I D Austin (148)	137 (99)	8 (1)	1 (1)	292 (144)
M G Bevan (149)	146 (146)	1 (1)	0 (0)	176 (176)
D R Brown (150)	225 (40)	18 (5)	1 (0)	595 (140)
G P Butcher (151)	88 (58)	4 (1)	0 (0)	173 (83)
D J Capel (152)	65 (18)	2 (1)	1 (0)	125 (38)
P D Collingwood (153)	158 (34)	1 (1)	6 (2)	288 (114)
D G Cork (154)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R D B Croft (155)	204 (0)	16 (2)	3 (0)	604 (40)
P A J DeFreitas (156)	47 (0)	8 (2)	1 (0)	237 (0)
V C Drakes (157)	8 (7)	8 (8)	2 (0)	188 (147)
K P Dutch (158)	24 (2)	4 (2)	0 (0)	104 (42)
M A Ealham (159)	104 (0)	10 (4)	2 (0)	353 (100)
S C Ecclestone (160)	159 (128)	0 (0)	1 (0)	164 (133)
K P Evans (161)	91 (60)	16 (5)	2 (0)	441 (160)
M V Fleming (162)	93 (47)	7 (1)	2 (2)	273 (107)
J P Hewitt (163)	58 (44)	13 (4)	1 (0)	415 (124)
K J Innes (164)	3 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (0)
R C Irani (165)	53 (28)	7 (5)	3 (0)	193 (135)
K D James (166)	205 (92)	4 (1)	1 (0)	320 (117)
B P Julian (167)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S R Lampitt (168)	31 (31)	2 (2)	0 (0)	71 (71)
D R Law (169)	252 (34)	10 (2)	1 (1)	482 (94)
S G Law (170)	336 (142)	1 (1)	4 (1)	461 (192)
C C Lewis (171)	91 (34)	5 (4)	1 (0)	211 (164)
A C Morris (172)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A L Penberthy (173)	211 (61)	2 (2)	1 (0)	276 (101)
G M Roberts (174)	33 (5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	33 (5)
N M K Smith (175)	220 (122)	1 (0)	2 (0)	295 (132)
J N Snape (176)	71 (42)	14 (4)	3 (0)	421 (122)
V S Solanki (177)	205 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	215 (4)
P A Strang (178)	85 (21)	12 (6)	3 (1)	385 (161)
C M Tolley (179)	147 (16)	7 (0)	1 (0)	312 (16)
Wasim Akram (180)	48 (28)	6 (1)	2 (1)	208 (68)
M Watkinson (181)	27 (12)	3 (0)	1 (0)	107 (12)
P N Weekes (182)	175 (22)	5 (0)	7 (2)	420 (62)
C M Wells (183)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
C White (184)	88 (24)	11 (5)	4 (0)	348 (124)
S Young (185)	137 (43)	11 (1)	2 (0)	402 (63)

Wicketkeepers (186-216)

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
A N Aymes (186)	61 (4)	0 (0)	8/3 (3/1)	341 (104)
J N Batty (187)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R J Blakey (188)	156 (73)	0 (0)	14/1 (5)	476 (173)
K R Brown (189)	298 (58)	0 (0)	10/1 (2)	553 (98)
M Burns (190)	211 (63)	2 (0)	6/1 (3/1)	381 (143)
C A Chapman (191)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
I Dawood (192)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
T Frost (193)	12 (8)	0 (0)	11/1 (4)	252 (88)
S P Griffiths (194)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
I A Healy (195)	51 (51)	0 (0)	1 (1)	71 (71)
W K Hegg (196)	65 (38)	0 (0)	13/2 (5)	405 (138)
B J Hyam (197)	29 (6)	0 (0)	5 (0)	109 (6)
D A Kenway (198)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K M Krikken (199)	82 (33)	0 (0)	15 (6)	382 (153)
D G C Ligertwood (200)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S A Marsh (201)	209 (146)	0 (0)	8 (3)	379 (216)
C P Metson (202)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P Moores (203)	88 (17)	0 (0)	10/1 (4/1)	328 (137)
P A Nixon (204)	126 (73)	0 (0)	8/1 (0)	311 (78)
W M Noon (205)	95 (63)	0 (0)	15/1 (5)	420 (168)
K J Piper (206)	1 (0)	0 (0)	4 (2)	81 (40)
S J Rhodes (207)	57 (15)	0 (0)	11 (2)	237 (55)
D Ripley (208)	136 (83)	0 (0)	7/1 (3)	301 (148)
R J Rollins (209)	4 (0)	0 (0)	1/5 (0/2)	224 (80)
R C Russell (210)	287 (126)	0 (0)	11/4 (1/2)	662 (231)
A D Shaw (211)	74 (35)	0 (0)	4/1 (1)	154 (55)
M P Speight (212)	272 (105)	0 (0)	14 (5)	582 (210)
R J Turner (213)	56 (6)	0 (0)	7 (0)	196 (6)
R J Warren (214)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P Whitticase (215)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R C J Williams (216)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Bowlers (217-347)

Category A

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
J A Afford (217)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S J W Andrew (218)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	20 (0)
M C J Ball (219)	79 (44)	2 (0)	5 (0)	219 (44)
R T Bates (220)	4 (0)	4 (1)	1 (0)	84 (20)
J E Benjamin (221)	10 (5)	5 (2)	0 (0)	110 (45)
M M Betts (222)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M P Bicknell (223)	142 (34)	10 (2)	3 (1)	407 (94)
J N B Bovill (224)	8 (0)	7 (3)	1 (0)	148 (60)
M T Brimson (225)	25 (0)	6 (1)	2 (0)	165 (20)
S J E Brown (226)	31 (0)	8 (0)	1 (0)	171 (0)
A R Caddick (227)	29 (0)	23 (8)	1 (0)	509 (150)
G Chapple (228)	35 (14)	8 (4)	1 (0)	195 (94)
C A Connor (229)	23 (0)	5 (1)	0 (0)	103 (20)
A P Cowan (230)	72 (34)	9 (4)	1 (1)	272 (134)
D M Cox (231)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R P Davis (232)	4 (4)	6 (4)	2 (2)	144 (104)
A A Donald (233)	15 (3)	18 (5)	4 (3)	455 (163)
A R C Fraser (234)	58 (8)	10 (2)	1 (0)	258 (28)
A F Giles (235)	137 (0)	15 (0)	1 (0)	442 (0)
J N Gillespie (236)	9 (9)	1 (1)	0 (0)	29 (29)
D Gough (237)	35 (0)	22 (7)	2 (0)	515 (150)
A J Harris (238)	37 (10)	10 (2)	2 (0)	277 (50)
P J Hartley (239)	140 (103)	14 (10)	1 (0)	430 (313)
D W Headley (240)	6 (0)	3 (1)	0 (0)	66 (20)
R K Illingworth (241)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M C Ilott (242)	33 (16)	11 (7)	0 (0)	233 (156)
P W Jarvis (243)	132 (66)	17 (6)	3 (2)	547 (231)
R L Johnson (244)	65 (24)	19 (6)	1 (0)	445 (144)
G Keedy (245)	0 (0)	4 (4)	0 (0)	80 (80)
R J Kirtley (246)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J D Lewry (247)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M J McCague (248)	37 (13)	16 (8)	5 (3)	457 (223)
G D McGrath (249)	1 (1)	3 (3)	0 (0)	61 (61)
D E Malcolm (250)	8 (8)	24 (8)	0 (0)	468 (168)
P J Martin (251)	58 (17)	15 (7)	0 (0)	368 (167)
R J Maru (252)	75 (6)	3 (0)	3 (0)	195 (6)
D J Millns (253)	127 (9)	15 (5)	2 (0)	477 (109)
Mohammad Akram (254)	20 (0)	5 (0)	0 (0)	130 (0)
A D Mullally (255)	9 (0)	16 (1)	1 (0)	329 (0)
T A Munton (256)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Mushtaq Ahmed (257)	57 (33)	10 (2)	1 (0)	287 (73)
P J Newport (258)	23 (0)	18 (6)	0 (0)	393 (120)
G J Parsons (259)	23 (18)	7 (3)	2 (0)	203 (78)
M M Patel (260)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R M Pearson (261)	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	61 (61)
A R K Pierson (262)	51 (16)	10 (5)	2 (0)	291 (116)
P R Reiffel (263)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G D Rose (264)	329 (16)	14 (3)	1 (0)	629 (56)
I D K Salisbury (265)	27 (23)	7 (3)	0 (0)	167 (83)
A Sheriyar (266)	13 (0)	18 (8)	0 (0)	343 (190)
K J Shine (267)	36 (18)	8 (2)	0 (0)	196 (58)
C E W Silverwood (268)	47 (0)	5 (0)	0 (0)	147 (0)
A M Smith (269)	45 (7)	19 (3)	1 (0)	455 (47)
R D Stemp (270)	23 (13)	15 (1)	0 (0)	263 (33)
P M Such (271)	4 (2)	14 (2)	0 (0)	294 (42)
J P Taylor (272)	31 (24)	8 (5)	1 (1)	211 (144)
P C R Tufnell (273)	23 (6)	5 (2)	1 (0)	143 (46)
S D Udal (274)	90 (0)	10 (2)	4 (1)	335 (40)
S K Warne (275)	20 (20)	1 (1)	1 (1)	60 (60)
Waqar Younis (276)	71 (2)	10 (4)	1 (0)	271 (82)
S L Watkin (277)	62 (0)	4 (1)	1 (0)	142 (20)
N F Williams (278)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J Wood (279)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Category B

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
U Afzaal (280)	204 (57)	3 (0)	2 (1)	319 (82)
P Aldred (281)	18 (18)	4 (4)	1 (1)	118 (118)
D A Altree (282)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G J Batty (283)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M A V Bell (284)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J Boiling (285)	43 (18)	6 (2)	6 (1)	243 (58)
M N Bowen (286)	26 (6)	23 (14)	2 (1)	556 (336)
J E Brinkley (287)	7 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (0)
J F Brown (288)	0 (0)	4 (0)	0 (0)	80 (0)
R J Chapman (289)	3 (0)	6 (0)	0 (0)	123 (0)
V P Clarke (290)	153 (62)	8 (1)	5 (1)	418 (127)
D A Cosker (291)	5 (0)	7 (3)	2 (0)	185 (80)
D M Cousins (292)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A P Davies (293)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K J Dean (294)	2 (1)	9 (5)	0 (0)	162 (81)
R R Dibden (295)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M Dimond (296)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S W K Ellis (297)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J E Emburey (298)	21 (8)	3 (2)	2 (1)	101 (48)
R A Fay (299)	3 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	63 (0)
D Follett (300)	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	61 (61)
M J Foster (301)	112 (58)	9 (2)	2 (0)	317 (83)
P J Franks (302)	73 (70)	7 (3)	2 (0)	258 (135)
R J Green (303)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	20 (0)
G M Hamilton (304)	28 (0)	5 (2)	0 (0)	108 (20)
S Herzberg (305)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J E Hindson (306)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
B C Hollioake (307)	127 (63)	1 (0)	0 (0)	152 (68)
J G Hughes (308)	0 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	80 (0)
P M Hutchison (309)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A P Igglesden (310)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J I D Kerr (311)	1 (1)	5 (1)	1 (0)	101 (21)
N Killeen (312)	25 (0)	10 (1)	1 (0)	225 (20)
J Lewis (313)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S Lugsden (314)	4 (4)	1 (1)	0 (0)	24 (24)
R S C Martin-Jenkins (315)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A D Mascarenhas (316)	22 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	42 (0)
T J Mason (317)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S M Milburn (318)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R W Nowell (319)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J Ormond (320)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
O T Parkin (321)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M W Patterson (322)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
B J Phillips (323)	81 (81)	7 (7)	1 (1)	256 (256)
N C Phillips (324)	16 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)	36 (0)
R A Pick (325)	8 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	28 (0)
N W Preston (326)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M Rawnsley (327)	7 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (0)
S J Renshaw (328)	58 (15)	11 (2)	0 (0)	258 (55)
M A Robinson (329)	18 (7)	8 (3)	3 (3)	198 (127)
M J Saggers (330)	3 (3)	11 (7)	1 (0)	253 (153)
J P Searle (331)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D J Shadford (332)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K P Sheeraz (333)	2 (2)	1 (0)	0 (0)	22 (2)
G C Small (334)	14 (0)	8 (5)	1 (0)	184 (110)
E J Stanford (335)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S D Thomas (336)	65 (9)	5 (1)	3 (1)	225 (49)
J B Thompson (337)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M J Thursfield (338)	34 (0)	2 (0)	1 (0)	94 (0)
H R J Trump (339)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A J Tudor (340)	28 (1)	10 (4)	0 (0)	218 (81)
M J Vandrau (341)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A P van Troost (342)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A Walker (343)	11 (1)	14 (3)	0 (0)	261 (41)
G Welch (344)	72 (4)	19 (10)	1 (0)	462 (214)
A G Wharf (345)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)
T N Wren (346)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G Yates (347)	59 (42)	8 (5)	4 (3)	299 (202)

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket and catch, and 40 points for each stumping.

Five bonus points are awarded for a half-century, ten bonus points are awarded for a century and for five wickets in an innings, and 20 bonus points are awarded for ten wickets in a match.

Twenty points are deducted for a duck.

All points scored in Test matches are doubled.

☐ *Source: ECB/PA Cricket Record*

Law makes his point for Jackson

MR P JACKSON, of Eccles, Manchester, is the winner of the weekly prize for the Interactive Team Cricket game.

Mr Jackson's team, *One Day More*, scored 2,018 points. The highest scorer for his team was Stuart Law, the Essex all-rounder from Australia, who, having been omitted from the touring party, showed them what they might be missing when scoring 84 against Gloucestershire *in* the county championship last week.

This week's prize is a print of Fred Trueman, signed and framed, and a signed first edition of the PCA Year Book 1997.

ONE DAY MORE: Batsmen: C J Adams (Derbyshire); A J Hollioake (Surrey); D Byas (Yorkshire); A P Grayson (Essex); D L Maddy (Leicestershire). All-rounder: S G Law (Essex). Wicketkeeper: K M Krikken (Derbyshire). Bowlers: M J McCague (Kent); S J E Brown (Durham); B J Phillips (Kent); G Yates (Lancashire).

EACH team, depending on when it is registered, will be allocated a number of transfer allowances. If you register in May your team will be allocated ten transfers; in June you will be allocated eight transfers, in July six, in August four and in September two.

You may use as many or as few as you wish but they must replace like for like, ie one bowler for another bowler. All transfers must be made before a first-class match. *Transfer periods* will be set weekly and any transfers made in one transfer period will become effective for the matches which begin within the next transfer period.

The transfer line opened on Wednesday *May 21* and will remain open for the season. Transfers must be made by midnight on a Monday in order to be effective for any first-class matches beginning after that date. Transfers may only be made by telephone by calling

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ROWING

Oriel under pressure on two fronts

ORIEL face stiff opposition from Pembroke and New College when they defend the headship of Oxford University Summer Eights, which start on the Isis today.

In the women's divisions, Osler-Green look strong. Their winning Torpids crew has been strengthened by the return of rowers from the University squads and they should retain the headship.

Men

FIRST DIVISION (6.45): Oriel, Magdalen, Pembroke, New College, St Edmund Hall, Brasenose, Christ Church, University, Balliol, Jesus, Exeter, St John's.

SECOND DIVISION (5.45): Keble, Worcester, Wadham, St Catherine's, Lincoln, Trinity, St Peter's, Hertford, Merton, Oriel II, Lady Margaret Hall, Wolfson.

THIRD DIVISION: Queen's, Corpus Christi, Christ Church II, Osler-Green, St Edmund Hall II, New College II, St Anne's, Mansfield, Linacre, Magdalen II, Pembroke II, University II.

FOURTH DIVISION (4.05): Keble II, Osler-Green II, Balliol II, Lincoln II, St Hugh's, St Catherine's II, Worcester II, Somerville, Oriel III, Jesus II, Brasenose II, St John's II.

FIFTH DIVISION (3.30): Keble III, Exeter II, Hertford II, St Peter's II, Wolfson II, Merton II, Queen's II, University III, Oriel IV, Wadham II, New College III, Trinity II.

SIXTH DIVISION (2.20): Lady Margaret Hall II, Pembroke III, Regent's Park, St Catherine's III, Magdalen III, Oriel V, Balliol III, St Edmund Hall III, Magdalen IV, Christ Church III, Linacre II, Worcester III.

SEVENTH DIVISION (1.45): St Anne's II, Wolfson III, St Benet's Hall, Lincoln III, University IV, St Antony's, New College IV, St Edmund Hall IV, Jesus III, Corpus Christi II, Mansfield II, Somerville II.

EIGHTH DIVISION (12.35): St Anne's III, Wolfson IV, Brasenose III, Linacre III, Lincoln IV, St Peter's III, St Hugh's II, Pembroke IV, Merton III, Hertford III, St Edmund Hall V, Exeter III, Osler-Green III.

Women

FIRST DIVISION (6.15): Osler-Green, St Catherine's, New College, St Hilda's, Pembroke, Somerville, Brasenose, Wadham, St Edmund Hall, Wolfson, Jesus, Lady Margaret Hall.

SECOND DIVISION (4.40): University, St Anne's, Oriel, Hertford, Christ Church, St John's, Merton, Keble, Lincoln, Worcester, Magdalen, Linacre.

THIRD DIVISION (2.55): Exeter, Balliol, Osler-Green II, St Hugh's, Queen's, Trinity, Mansfield, Somerville II, St Peter's, Lady Margaret Hall II, New College II, Corpus Christi.

FOURTH DIVISION (1.10): St Hilda's II, St John's II, Christ Church II, St Catherine's II, University II, St Edmund Hall II, Keble II, Regent's Park, Osler-Green III, Wolfson II, Wadham II, Linacre II.

FIFTH DIVISION (12.00): Merton II, St Antony's, Exeter II, Oriel II, Magdalen II, Merton III, St Hugh's II, Jesus II, Brasenose II, St Edmund Hall III, Jesus III, Trinity II, Wolfson III.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

European Cup

Final

Borussia Dortmund v Juventus
(at Olympiastadion, Munich, 7.30)

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Border v British Isles XV
(in East London, 2.15)

CRICKET

Tetley's Challenge Series

11.0, second day of three

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Australians

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Cheadle CC, Staffs: Derbyshire v Lancashire. Stockton CC: Durham v Glamorgan. Ashford: Kent v Somerset. Hinckley Town CC: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire. Campbell Park, Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire. Knowle and Dorridge: Warwickshire v Hampshire. Elland: Yorkshire v Essex.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World championships (in Glasgow).

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: King's Lynn v Ipswich (7.45); Poole v Eastbourne (7.30). Premier League Cup: Long Eaton v Arena Essex (7.45). Premier League: Hull v Exeter (7.30).

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RACING: HIGHLY REGARDED JUVENILE TO STAY IN IRELAND BEFORE TACKLING DEWHURST STAKES

King Of Kings declines Ascot crown

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

KING OF KINGS, whose odds for next season's 2,000 Guineas are tumbling faster than Australian wickets, will bypass the Coventry Stakes because he is "too good" for the Royal Ascot race.

Michael Tabor, a principal owner of the Aidan O'Brien-trained colt, yesterday said: "I know that may sound cocky, but why rev him up for Ascot? The two-year-olds that go to Ascot you don't hear of again and he is too good for that. He will stay in Ireland before being aimed at the Dewhurst Stakes."

After a stunning debut in Ireland on Sunday, when he won unextended by eight lengths, King Of Kings is now as short as 8-1 for next year's Newmarket classic. The Tote was forced to take evasive action yesterday and cut the Sadler's Wells colt from 14-1 to 10-1 after accepting some substantial bets.

Tabor, whose silks are carried by Entrepreneur, the odds-on favourite for the Derby, and Desert King, Sunday's Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, believes King Of Kings has the ability to put those two classic winners in the shade in the fullness of time.

"I thought it was an absolutely spectacular performance at the Curragh and, if he remains right, I think he could be awesome. This horse does it at home and does it on the racecourse. He could be just electrifying," Tabor said.

Tabor's view is shared by some of the best judges in racing who were quick to seize the 25-1 that was on offer briefly after his debut success. "I would have liked to have backed him to win £1 million at that kind of price for the 2,000 Guineas," Tabor said. He has managed to get on £11,000 ante-post, including one bet of £20,000-£1,000.

While the Royal Ascot executive will be sad not to have King Of Kings on view, Tabor confirmed Desert King, one of 13 classic winners entered at the royal meeting, will go for the St James's Palace Stakes rather than a Derby.

Frankie Dettori, who started the season at 6-1 on to win the jockeys' championship, was knocked out to 5-4 against by the Tote yesterday in the face of renewed support for Kieren Fallon (13-8) and Pat Eddery (9-4). The price change is significant because there is little doubt that Dettori is not riding with his usual confidence or effectiveness at the moment. "A few high-profile reverses recently have seen Frankie's fans dive for cover," Rob Hartnett, the Tote's PR director, said.

The Jockey Club yesterday issued a curious statement concerning the much publicised clash between John Jenyns, the chairman of the York panel of stewards, and two television executives. Jenyns resigned as a York steward after the controversy over his "hands out of your pockets" order — but remains a steward at Pontefract and Redcar.

"Having received a formal complaint from Mr John Fairley concerning the conduct of the meeting between York stewards and Channel 4 executives on May 13, the Jockey Club is talking to certain people who are involved before deciding on further steps." My guess is that Mr Jenyns will face pressure to step down as a steward at Pontefract and Redcar.

Nap: FLORENTINO
(3.20 Folkestone)
Next best: White Emir
(6.50 Newbury)

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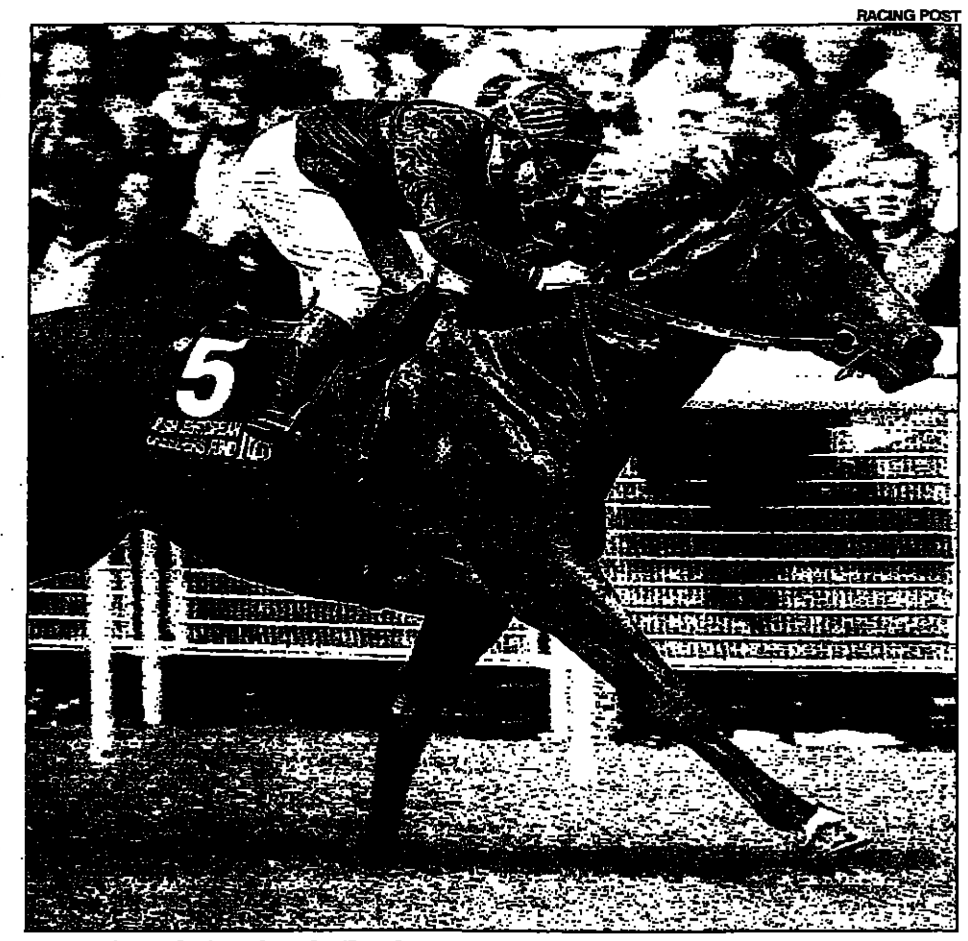

King Of Kings has the Dewhurst Stakes as his main objective this season

CARTMEL

THUNDERER
2.00 Queen's Counsel. 2.30 Indian Jockey. 3.00 Hornblower. 3.35 In Good Faith. 4.05 Jessolle. 4.35 Highland Way.

Carl Evans: 3.00 Hornblower.

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2.00 JENNINGS BITTER MARES ONLY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£2,276: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 000P A BADGE TOO FAR 23 (B) Mrs L Williamson 7-10-10 L O'Hara
2 4050 DERRING FLOSS 18 J Pickering 7-10-10 Miss J Wormall (7)
3 300 GABRIELLE GERARD 12 M Hammond 5-10-10 N Horrocks (7)
4 0PP0 MEADOWLECK 4 W Young 8-10-10 S Taylor (5)
5 1-P0 NO TAKERS 4 (F) S Kettlewell 10-10-10 P Niven
6 522- PALACE RIVER 364 D Moffatt 9-10-10 D J Moffatt
7 0305 ANALOGICAL 12 D McCain 4-10-5 T Jenks
8 0004 QUEEN'S COUNSEL 26 Miss M Milligan 4-10-5 B Storey
9 0P5 SUMMER PRINCESS 18 B Fierro 4-10-5 Gary Lyons
10 TOLEPA 17F J J O'Neill 4-10-5 R McGrath (5)

7-2 Queen's Counsel, 4-1 Palace River, Gabrielle Gerard, 6-1 Tolepa, 7-1 others.

2.30 STELLA ARTOIS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,481: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 1111 INDIAN JOCKEY 4 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-12-0 A P McCoy
2 1PP1 SPEAKER'S HOUSE 25 (D,F) Miss L Russell 8-10-9 A Thornton
3 02P3 BLAZING DAWN 2 (CD,F,G,S) J Hubbuck 10-10-3 B Storey
4 623U CARDENDEN 2 (F,G) J Barclay 9-10-0 P Carberry

4-6 Indian Jockey, 2-1 Speaker's House, 5-1 Blazing Dawn, 8-1 Cardenden.

3.00 JENNINGS CUMBERLAND ALE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,253: 3m 2f) (10)

1 53P0 ALPHA ONE 2 (F,G,S) D Bassett 12-12-7 Miss K Di Marte (7)
2 2223 LUPY MINSTREL 16 (F) Miss P Robson 12-12-7 Miss P Robson (5)
3 3434 SOUTHERN MINSTREL 23 (C,F,G,S) N Chamberlain 14-12-7 Miss C Metcalfe (7)
4 0224 ACROSS THE CARD 11P (F,G,S) C Ramsay 9-12-4 M Bradburne (7)
5 U043 FORDSTOWN 2 (G,S) J Alexander 8-12-4 J Alexander (7)
6 505P DRUMCAIRN 11P (B) P Forster 9-12-0 M J Ruddy (7)
7 1111 HORNBLOWER 25P (V,F,G) R Ford 10-12-0 Miss C Ford (7)
8 1235 PRIORY PIPER 23P (F) Mrs J Moale 8-12-0 G Hanmer (7)
9 83P RALLYING CRY 11P (B) Mrs J Seymour 9-12-0 D R Mcleod (7)
10 1234 WILL TRAVEL 13 (F) A Dickman 8-12-0 A Robson (7)

7-4 Hornblower, 4-1 Lupy Minstrel, 5-1 Southern Minstrel, 6-1 others.

3.35 DRY BLACKTHORN CIDER MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,318: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 P384 DANTES AMOUR 32 M Hammond 6-11-5 R Garritty
2 0000 DARK MIDNIGHT 25 (B) D Lamb 8-11-5 J Burke
3 -4F4 IN GOOD FAITH 2 (BF) J J Quinn 5-11-5 C McCormack (7)
4 00P6 PRAISE BE 21 (V) T Tate 7-11-5 P Niven
5 -803 SALKELD KING 26 M Barnes 5-11-5 B Storey
6 3-30 STARLIN SAM 18 J Sisterson 8-11-5 R Guest
7 6 STONE CROSS 12F M Todhunter 5-11-5 P Carberry
8 6426 THE EENS 11 D McCain 5-11-5 T Jenks

7-4 In Good Faith, 7-2 Dantes Amour, 5-1 Salkeld King, 6-1 The Eens, 8-1 Praise Be, Starlin Sam, 12-1 Stone Cross, 14-1 Dark Midnight.

4.05 JENNINGS SNECK LIFTER NOVICES HURDLE (£2,351: 3m 2f) (9)

1 1P11 JESSOLLE 11 (F,G) G Richards 5-11-13 R Dunwoody
2 116 GOOD HAND 46 (CD,F) S Kettlewell 11-11-12 P Niven
3 U024 NORTHERN STAR 14 (F,G) J Pickering 6-11-6 Miss J Wormall (7)
4 6303 BLOOMING SPRING 13 (F) Mrs D Thomson 8-11-1 L O'Hara
5 0605 BARNSTORMER 26 (B,F,G) E Elliot 11-11-0 D Parker
6 0008 BUSY BOY 14 D Lamb 10-11-0 J Burke
7 00P5 DON'T TELL JUDY 14 (B) Miss Milligan 9-11-0 C McCormack (7)
8 P554 ROYRACE 7 W M Brisbourne 5-11-0 R Garritty
9 0006 WOODHOUSE LANE 26 N Chamberlain 5-11-0 Miss C Metcalfe (7)

5-4 Jessolle, 7-2 Good Hand, 4-1 Northern Star, 7-1 Blooming Spring, 8-1 Royrace, 10-1 Barnstormer, 12-1 Don't Tell Judy, 14-1 others

4.35 PIONEER FOODS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,815: 2m 6f) (8)

1 51U1 LAGEN BRIDGE 34 (D,G,S) D Moffatt 8-12-0 D J Moffatt
2 1332 SUPERTOP 28 (BF,F,G) L Lungo 9-11-6 R Supple
3 1-6U GYMCRAK CYRANO 2 (D,S) N Chamberlain 8-10-0 Miss C Metcalfe (7)
4 3322 HIGHLAND WAY 4 (G) M Todhunter 9-10-0 P Carberry
5 3413 PEGGY GORDON 26 (BF,F,G) Mrs D Thomson 6-10-0 N Horrocks (7)
6 1F03 PRECIPICE RUN 14 (C,G,S) J Birkett 12-10-0 L O'Hara
7 1500 LONGCROFT 4 (G) S Kettlewell 5-10-0 G Lee
8 -830 JUMBO STAR 4 (F) J Dixon 7-10-0 B Storey

2-1 Lagen Bridge, 7-2 Supertop, 4-1 Highland Way, 6-1 Peggy Gordon, 7-1 Gymcrak Cyrano, 8-1 Precipice Run, 12-1 Longcroft, 16-1 Jumbo Star.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%, M Barnes, 7 from 19, 36.8%, L Lungo, 3 from 10, 30.0%, G Richards, 13 from 45, 28.9%; J J O'Neill, 4 from 16, 25.0%. JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%, P Niven, 10 from 26, 38.5%; R Dunwoody, 6 from 23, 26.1%; D J Moffatt, 7 from 30, 23.3%.

RIPON

THUNDERER
6.40 Batswing. 7.10 Bonnie Lassie. 7.40 Highflying. 8.10 Three Arch Bridge. 8.40 Swift. 9.10 Greek Palace.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.40 LISHMAN, SIDWELL, CAMPBELL AND PRICE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,220: 5f) (19 runners)

SKY

1 0 ARE YER THERE 17 M W Easterby 9-0 G Parkin (5) 15
2 0 BATSWING 32 M Meade 9-0 F Norton 1
3 COLLEGE CLIPPER M Bielby 9-0 O Urbina 13
4 CUE MAN J Eyre 9-0 T Williams 18
5 DIBOLA J Wainwright 9-0 L Charnock 9
6 LEOFRIC M Polglase 9-0 T G McLaughlin 19
7 0 MARTON MOSS 10 T Easterby 9-0 A Culhane 11
8 PRINCE ASHLEIGH P Haslam 9-0 Dale Gibson 10
9 PRINCELY HEIR M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver 12
10 RA RA RASPUTIN B McMahon 9-0 L Newton 8
11 REACH FOR A STAR C Thornton 9-0 N Carlisle 17
12 SHARP SHOOTER Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 J Fortune 7
13 8 TOM DOUGAL 17 C Smith 9-0 J Tate 14
14 VELVET STORY N Tinkler 9-0 Kim Tinkler 3
15 WELCOME SUNSET J Wharton 9-0 P Fessey (3) 4
16 0 CINDER HILLS 32 M W Easterby 8-9 T Lucas 5
17 EMPIRICAL J Gosden 8-9 J Carroll 2
18 HAPPY DAYS AGAIN J Wharton 8-9 J Fanning 16
19 THREE TENNERS J Berry 8-9 T E Durcan (5) 8

3-1 Empirical, 4-1 Princely Heir, 9-2 Batswing, 6-1 Cinder Hills, 7-1 others.

7.10 RIPON FESTIVAL CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,598: 1m) (6)

SKY

1 2503 ULTRA BOY 17 (F) P Haslam 9-5 R Ffrench (5) 5
2 66-0 NINTH SYMPHONY 11 (F) P Haslam 9-3 J Fortune 3
3 .60 FORTUNE HUNTER 13 W Jarvis 8-11 O Urbina 6
4 1-52 BONNIE LASSIE 93 (D,BF,G) C Thornton 8-10 K Darley 4
5 0103 SKYERS FLYER 19 (F,G) Ron Thompson 8-10 T Williams 2
6 -000 STRELITZA 11 (B) M W Easterby 7-12 Dale Gibson 1

5-2 Skyers Flyer, 11-4 Bonnie Lassie, 3-1 Ultra Boy, 5-1 others.

7.40 RIPON FARM SERVICES HANDICAP (£3,453: 2m) (9)

SKY

1 0-04 HIGHFLYING 23 (CD,F,G,S) G M Moore 11-9-13 J Tate 7
2 0-04 NIGEL'S LAD 12J (BF,F,G) P Haslam 5-9-11 R Ffrench (5) 2
3 -000 CHARTER 12 W Storey 6-9-8 J Supple 5
4 2-00 FRENCH IVY 18 (D,F,G) F Murphy 10-8-6 J Fanning 8
5 800- ZAMHAREER 250 (CD,G) W Storey 6-8-5 N Kennedy 4
6 100- AMIARGE 191 (D,F,G) M Brittain 7-8-5 J Carroll 9
7 4234 HASTA LA VISTA 16 (B,D,F,G) M W Easterby 7-8-3 L Charnock 1
8 4260 ANCHORENA 18 (F) D Sasse 5-8-2 T Williams 3
9 4800 EL NIDO 16 (D,F,G,S) D Chapman 9-8-0 P Fessey (3) 6

3-1 Nigel's Lad, 7-2 Highflying, 5-1 French Ivy, Hasta La Vista, 7-1 others.

8.10 AMEC CIVIL ENGINEERING HANDICAP (£4,241: 1m) (13)

SKY

1 -300 BAND ON THE RUN 25 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 10-10-0 L Newton 3
2 500- LAY THE BLAME 271 (F,S) M Hammond 4-9-3 J Carroll 13
3 2210 STELLAR LINE 4 (F) M Polglase 4-9-2 M Rimmer 12
4 0001 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 17 (B,D,F,G) M Johnston 5-9-0 J Weaver 8
5 1014 TAKHLID 20 (D,F,G,S) D Chapman 6-9-0 A Culhane 5
6 4-1 YOUNG PRECEDENT 25 (F) P Harris 3-8-13 A McGlone 11
7 200- BOLLIN FRANK 116J (D,F,S) T Easterby 5-8-13 L Charnock 7
8 15 MOUCHE 22 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-12 J Fortune 6
9 0606 UP IN FLAMES 5 (D,F,G) S Bowring 6-8-9 S Webster 2
10 2501 FLAG FEN 10 (CD,G,S) J Parkes 6-8-0 R Ffrench (5) 1
11 -000 MIDDAY COWBOY 11 M Hammond 4-7-13 Dale Gibson 9
12 0-01 THATCHED 33 (D,F,G) R Barr 7-7-13 P Fessey (3) 4
13 -000 GILLING DANCER 33 (D,F) P Calver 4-7-10 Darren Moffatt (3) 10

4-1 Three Arch Bridge, 5-1 Young Precedent, 11-2 Thatched, 7-1 Mouche, 8-1 Flag Fen, 10-1 Band On The Run, Takhlid, Bollin Frank, 12-1 others.

8.40 ST MARYGATE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,947: 6f) (16)

1 4-10 THREE FOR A POUND 23 (D,G) J Glover 9-7 G Carter 13
2 4-00 MIDNIGHT SHIFT 18 R Guest 9-5 P Bloomfield 3
3 22-0 GIPSY PRINCESS 32 (B,F) M W Easterby 9-4 G Parkin (5) 5
4 26-0 COLONEL'S PRIDE 12 R Whitaker 8-12 J Carroll 7
5 0-00 FINE TIMES 17 (V) C Fairhurst 8-9 J Weaver 12
6 0-60 TARRADALE 12 C Booth 8-9 K Hodgson 1
7 0330 SWIFT 11 (G) M Polglase 8-8 M Rimmer 8
8 0-00 ANETTA 23 Miss S Hall 8-8 A Culhane 2
9 0504 RUM LAD 12 J J Quinn 8-7 J Lowe 14
10 -008 BOLD BRIEF 23 (B,F) D Smith 8-6 L Charnock 16
11 -006 SPARKLING HARRY 5 (B) Miss L Siddall 8-4 K Darley 15
12 5413 CHILLING 6 (B,D,G) N Tinkler 8-3 K Sked (7) 6
13 -600 STAR OF THE ROAD 18 J Carr 8-1 N Kennedy 9
14 66-0 DEE PEE TEE CEE 18 (F) M W Easterby 8-0 Dale Gibson 11
15 -610 EUROQUEST 35 (B,D,G) D Nicholls 7-10 R Ffrench (5) 10
16 0-00 REDSPET 20 S Bowring 7-10 J Bramhill (5) 4

13-2 Chilling, 8-1 Three For A Pound, Midnight Shift, 10-1 Gipsy Princess, Swift, Rum Lad, 12-1 Sparkling Harry, Euroquest, 14-1 others

9.10 ST AGNESGATE STAKES (£3,566: 1m 2f) (13)

1 DERBY DARBAK J Gosden 4-9-10 J Carroll 3
2 50- EUPHORIC ILLUSION 246 Mrs S Smith 6-9-10 O Pears (3) 2
3 40 WELL ARMED 11 J J O'Neill 6-9-10 J Fortune 7
4 05 ASEF ALHIND 12 B Hanbury 3-8-10 M Rimmer 5
5 33 GREEK PALACE 13 M Stoute 3-8-10 K Darley 10
6 NORTHERN FLASH F Murphy 3-8-10 J Weaver 6
7 NOTARY J Watts 3-8-10 N Connorton 4
8 SPICK AND SPAN C Thornton 3-8-10 N Carlisle 8
9 3-63 TAUNT 16 D Morley 3-8-10 G Carter 1
10 0 AVRO AVIAN 16 M Camacho 3-8-5 L Charnock 9
11 00 COCHITI 12 C Thornton 3-8-5 Dale Gibson 12
12 0 KAYFIYAH 16 D Morley 3-8-5 M Fenton 11
13 0 MY FIREBIRD 23 J J O'Neill 3-8-5 A Culhane 13

5-4 Greek Palace, 4-1 Taunt, 6-1 Derby Darbak, 7-1 Asef Alhind, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 15 winners from 54 runners, 27.8%; M Stoute, 9 from 46, 19.6%, M Johnston, 18 from 105, 17.1%, B Hanbury, 4 from 27, 14.8%; J Berry, 17 from 124, 13.7%. JOCKEYS: O Urbina, 5 winners from 19 rides, 26.3%; J Weaver, 20 from 95, 21.1%; A McGlone, 5 from 24, 20.8%; K Darley, 33 from 161, 20.5%.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
5.55 Katah. 6.20 MR BOMBASTIQUE (nap). 6.50 Walk The Beat. 7.20 Barrack Yard. 7.50 Tamure. 8.20 Golden Hadeer.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.50 TAMURE.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.55 EBF BOXFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,610: 5f 34yd) (10 runners)

1 (1) 0 BLUE SHADOW 10 R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill –
2 (7) CORTACHY CASTLE B Meehan 9-0 Pat Eddery –
3 (5) HADID B Hills 9-0 R Hills –
4 (3) JOHN FERNELEY P Cole 9-0 T Quinn –
5 (10) SANTONE R Hannon 9-0 R Hughes –
6 (2) SHALFORD'S HONOUR W Jarvis 9-0 J Reid –
7 (9) WATER FORCE G Balding 9-0 S Drowne –
8 (6) 2 COMPRADORE 13 M Blanshard 8-9 J Quinn ●
9 (9) KATAH J Gosden 8-9 L Dettori –
10 (4) RUSSIAN ABOUT M Channon 8-9 R Perham –

11-4 Katah, 7-2 Hadid, 4-1 Compradore, 6-1 John Ferneley, 7-1 Santone, 8-1 Blue Shadow, 10-1 Cortachy Castle, Russian About, 12-1 others.

6.20 BASINGSTOKE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,110: 1m 2f 6yd) (9)

1 (1) 0-6 ARTHUR'S SEAT 29 Lord Huntingdon 9-7 L Dettori –
2 (5) 2-20 MR BOMBASTIQUE 15 (F) B Hills 9-7 Pat Eddery ●
3 (2) -002 LUDO 16 R Hannon 9-4 Dane O'Neill 77
4 (9) 0043 CHIEF PREDATOR 4 R Hannon 9-1 J Reid 81
5 (6) 40-0 PADDY HURRY 38 N Callaghan 8-9 S Drowne –
6 (8) 0- HOT SHOT 316 G L Moore 8-8 Candy Morris –
7 (3) 0021 DOUBLE GOLD 4 (C,F,G) B Meehan 8-7 K Fallon 95
8 (7) -003 EPONINE 8 M Channon 8-7 T Quinn 97
9 (4) 00-0 GINGER ROGERS 18 D Arbuthnot 8-6 S Whitworth 82

5-4 Mr Bombastique, 3-1 Double Gold, 6-1 Eponine, 10-1 Chief Predator, Ludo, 12-1 Arthur's Seat, 16-1 Paddy Hurry, 20-1 others.

6.50 KINGSTON SMITH HANDICAP (£3,730: 6f 8yd) (9)

SKY

1 (4) 0005 WHITE EMIR 4 (B,F,S) B Meehan 4-10-0 Pat Eddery 95
2 (6) -340 NINEACRES 19 (V,F,G) N Babbage 6-9-7 R Winston (7) 90
3 (7) 0000 BAYIN 23 (CD,F,G,S) M Usher 8-9-3 R Street 95
4 (8) 1110 MANSAB 68 (D,BF,G) P Murphy 4-9-2 S Drowne 98
5 (3) 1105 WALK THE BEAT 4 (D,F,G,S) M Meade 7-9-0 J Reid 97
6 (1) 1240 SEA DANZIG 18 (G) J Bridger 4-8-13 L Dettori 98
7 (9) 5050 RIFIFI 13 (G) R Ingram 4-8-10 S Whitworth 87
8 (2) 0651 NIGHT HARMONY 9 (D,S) Miss S Wilton 4-8-6 (6ex) K Fallon 91
9 (5) 2204 ALWAYS ALIGHT 11 K Burke 3-8-3 D O'Shea ●

3-1 Night Harmony, 4-1 Mansab, 9-2 Always Alight, 6-1 Bayin, 7-1 Walk The Beat, 8-1 White Emir, Sea Danzig, 10-1 others.

7.20 MARSH BENHAM HANDICAP (£5,345: 7f 64yd rnd) (16)

SKY

1 (15) 3622 RAKIS 10 (D,F,G,S) Mrs L Stubbs 7-9-10 Pat Eddery ●
2 (13) 21-0 SHARP REBUFF 13 (D,F,G) P Makin 6-9-9 S Sanders 90
3 (5) 024 PERFECT PAL 11 Miss G Kelleway 6-9-6 R Hughes 92
4 (14) 2514 VICTORY TEAM 25 (D,BF,F,G) G Balding 5-9-5 T Quinn 93
5 (10) 1203 KNOBBLEENEEZE 6 (V,CD,F,G,S) M Channon 7-9-5 L Dettori 97
6 (12) 0000 ZURS 13 (G) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-5 K Fallon 93
7 (1) 0868 STOPPES BROW 8 (V,C,D,F,G,S) G L Moore 5-9-5 A Clark 92
8 (8) 4004 DUELLO 10 (CD,F,S) M Blanshard 6-9-1 J Quinn 93
9 (2) 6-20 XENOPHON OF CUNAXA 104 (CD,F,S) M F-Godley 4-9-0 D Holland 91
10 (16) -351 BEN GUNN 13 (D,F,S) P Walwyn 5-8-9 R Cochrane 91
11 (9) 02-0 SOVEREIGNS COURT 13 L Cottrell 4-8-9 J Reid 90
12 (4) 50-0 DUMMER GOLF TIME 28 (V,D,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-9 D Harrison 98
13 (7) 0004 SUEZ TORNADO 18 (V,G) E Alston 4-8-7 S Drowne 93
14 (11) -218 EUROBOX BOY 40 (BF,F) A Jarvis 4-8-6 C Carver (7) 93
15 (6) 1-15 BARRACK YARD 22 (D,G) A Stewart 4-8-2 T Sprake 94
16 (3) 000- WINSOME WOOSTER 207 (D,F,G,S) P Murphy 6-7-13 N Varley 93

5-1 Ben Gunn, 6-1 Rakis, 7-1 Duello, Barrack Yard, 8-1 Perfect Pal, Victory Team, 10-1 Knobbleeneeze, Xenophon Of Cunaxa, 12-1 others

7.50 TARMAC CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,735: 1m 2f 6yd) (8)

SKY

1 (5) 5-55 BEQUEATH 11 (BF,F,G) H Cecil 5-9-5 K Fallon 90
2 (3) /0-3 CAP JULUCA 28 (CD,F) R Charlton 5-8-10 R Hughes 90
3 (2) 1/ HELICON 610 (F,S) S bin Suroor 4-8-10 Pat Eddery –
4 (1) 141/ NIGHT WATCH 615 (F,G) I Balding 4-8-10 T Quinn –
5 (7) 305- RIVER NORTH 285 (D,G,S) Lady Herries 7-8-10 J Reid 88
6 (8) 0-43 TAMURE 16 (C,D,F,G,S) J Gosden 5-8-10 L Dettori ●
7 (6) 44-2 WIJARA 10 (C,G,S) R Hannon 5-8-10 Dane O'Neill 90
8 (4) 126- MY LEWICIA 298 (BF,S) P Harris 4-8-5 M Roberts 90

5-2 Tamure, 7-2 Cap Juluca, 5-1 Helicon, Bequeath, 8-1 Wijara, 10-1 My Lewicia, River North, 12-1 Night Watch

8.20 KENNETH ROBERTSON HANDICAP (£3,626: 1m 5f 61yd) (10)

SKY

1 (8) 0-14 PREMIER NIGHT 23 (F) S Dow 4-10-0 J Reid 91
2 (7) -066 WARNING REEF 21 P Eccles 4-9-13 C Rutter 94
3 (1) 6-04 ANCIENT QUEST 12 N Callaghan 4-9-10 Pat Eddery 89
4 (9) 2-11 RISING SPRAY 24 (F) C Horgan 6-9-10 Paul Eddery 91
5 (4) 03-0 DURHAM 23 (D,F,G) G L Moore 6-9-2 S Whitworth 93
6 (3) 0-01 TONKA 19 (F,G,S) P Makin 5-9-1 D Harrison 94
7 (2) 2310 SOOJAMA 4 (B,F,G) R Flower 7-8-9 G Hind 98
8 (6) 5-1 BRAND NEW DANCE 46 (G) D Arbuthnot 3-8-8 T Quinn 90
9 (10) 1311 GOLDEN HADEER 4 (D,F,G,S) M Ryan 6-8-4 (5ex) M Baird (3) 96
10 (5) -486 REAGANESQUE 22 (D,F) P Murphy 5-8-2 S Drowne ●

5-2 Golden Hadeer, 5-1 Tonka, 6-1 Brand New Dance, 7-1 Rising Spray, 8-1 Soojama, 10-1 Premier Night, 12-1 others.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER
6.30 Name Of Our Father. 7.00 Loughdoo. 7.30 Tight Fist. 8.00 Fleet Cadet. 8.30 Dubelle. 9.00 Beck And Call.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.30 BUTTAS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,472: 2m 3f 110yd) (11runners)

1 3412 REAL MADRID 14 (G) G Enright 6-11-7 N Williamson
2 22F2 NAME OF OUR FATHER 11 (F) P Bowen 4-11-1 R Johnson
3 0/05 TROUBLE AT MILL 182 J L Brown 7-11-0 Mr D S Jones
4 404P TUDOR TOWN 18 K Bishop 9-11-0 – –
5 -000 WESTCOAST 11 M Tate 6-11-0 C Llewellyn
6 4 WESTFIELD 36 A Chamberlain 5-11-0 B Powell
7 4204 ARIOSO 25 J Needham 9-10-9 B Fenton
8 003 BE IN SPACE 14 Miss P Whittle 6-10-9 Mr O McPhail (7)
9 3630 PEDALTOTHEMETAL 12 R Juckes 5-10-9 Gary Lyons
10 U46 ROMANTIC WARRIOR 7 K Bridgwater 4-10-5 R Massey (3)
11 PP00 TRIANNA 95 R Brotherton 4-10-3 S Curran

2-1 Real Madrid, 5-2 Name Of Our Father, 5-1 Be In Space, 6-1 Pedaltothemetal, 8-1 Arioso, 10-1 Westfield, Romantic Warrior, 12-1 others

7.00 EDWARDIAN SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,780: 3m 1f 110yd) (18)

1 -PP0 DESERT RUN 6 (S) P Rodford 9-11-13 S Burrough
2 331U SPRING TO IT 28 (BF,F,G) M Pipe 11-11-9 A P McCoy
3 0-2P RAGLAN ROAD 108P (F,G,S) Miss A Embiricos 13-11-5 K Gaule
4 P0P4 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 22 (B,D,F) P Pritchard 12-10-10 C Llewellyn
5 1P3P L'UOMO PIU 18P (F,G,S) A Barrow 13-10-10 Mr O McPhail (7)
6 4026 RUSTINO 45P (G,S) S Clark 11-10-9 Miss R Clark (7)
7 P-14 JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 46 (F) Mrs J Scrivens 14-10-8 T Dascombe
8 5555 COOL LUKE 26 (F,S) F Murphy 8-10-5 N Williamson
9 65F0 BOXING MATCH 2 (F,G,S) J Bradley 10-10-4 R Johnson
10 5204 TURPIN'S GREEN 28 (C,F,G) J King 14-10-4 T J Murphy
11 3226 JONJAS CHUDLEIGH 6 (G) R Frost 10-10-3 J Frost
12 /PP5 TOP IT ALL 4 (B,G) P Harris 9-10-2 W Marston
13 0604 LOUGHDOO 18 R Lee 9-10-0 B Fenton
14 02P4 LITTLE ELLIOT 12 (G) S Earle 9-10-0 C Maude
15 1555 RUSTIC GENT 2 (B,F,S) D Burchell 9-10-0 D J Burchell
16 PP5U AEOLIAN 23 Miss P Whittle 6-10-0 J Culloty
17 4440 PANDORA'S PRIZE 2 (S) T Wall 11-10-0 S Wynne
18 -0P3 NAPOLEON'S GOLD 67 (V) A Foster 7-10-0 D Morris

3-1 Spring To It, 6-1 Jay Jay's Voyage, 7-1 L'Uomo Piu, 8-1 Turpin's Green, Loughdoo, 10-1 Boxing Match, Jonjas Chudleigh, Rustic Gent, 12-1 others.

7.30 CHAIRMAN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY NOVICES CHASE (£3,453: 2m) (8)

1 212F SLEAZEY 33 (D,F) J G O'Neill 6-11-6 S Curran
2 4U01 TIGHT FIST 18 (D,F,G,S) Miss H Knight 7-11-6 J F Titley
3 PP36 HUGH DANIELS 18 (G) C Hemsley 9-11-0 Miss A Dudley (7)
4 0600 KUMARI KING 19 A Carroll 7-11-0 D Morris
5 63FP QUARTER MARKER 23 (F) R Lee 9-11-0 R Johnson
6 4304 STEER POINT 18 R Frost 6-11-0 J Frost
7 P53F SUNKALA SHINE 13 S Clark 9-11-0 Miss R Clark (7)
8 304F ZINE LANE 25 (D,F,G) J O'Shea 5-10-8 M A Fitzgerald

6-4 Tight Fist, 4-1 Sleazey, 5-1 Zine Lane, 7-1 Steer Point, 8-1 Sunkala Shine, 10-1 Quarter Marker, Hugh Daniels, 12-1 Kumari King

8.00 RICHARD DAVIS MEMORIAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,640: 2m 1f) (5)

1 4161 FLEET CADET 14 (V,C,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-10 G Supple (3)
2 4266 PAIR OF JACKS 19 (D,F,G) P Hobbs 7-11-8 D J Kavanagh
3 F-44 SALMAN 44 (CD,F,G) Mrs V Ward 11-11-7 P Henley
4 4341 ZINGIBAR 2 (D,F,S) J Bradley 5-11-6 (6ex) T Dascombe
5 0006 ROC AGE 14 G Dawes 6-10-0 L Suthern (5)

7-4 Fleet Cadet, 2-1 Zingibar, 3-1 Pair Of Jacks, 8-1 Salman, Roc Age.

8.30 GARNSTONE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,983: 2m 3f) (7)

1 1313 INCH EMPEROR 33 (F) A Carroll 7-11-11 B Powell
2 30P1 DUBELLE 25 (CD,F,G) J King 7-11-6 T J Murphy
3 P431 CALL ME ALBI 26 (B,F) Mrs L Richards 6-11-3 M Richards
4 0342 CASTLECONNER 33 (B,G) R Frost 6-11-1 J Frost
5 5F23 MINERS REST 2 (CD,F) P Hobbs 9-10-9 Mr R Widger (7)
6 P04P VALLINGALE 6 Miss H Knight 6-10-6 J Culloty
7 FPP4 GERRY'S PRIDE 5 J Mullins 6-10-0 S Curran

11-4 Dubelle, 7-2 Miners Rest, 9-2 Call Me Albi, 11-2 Castleconner, 13-2 Inch Emperor, Vallingale, 14-1 Gerry's Pride

9.00 LEDGEMOOR NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,304: 3m 2f) (8)

1 6/44 BECK AND CALL 21 Miss V Williams 8-11-0 N Williamson
2 1213 DECYBORG 23 (D,BF,F) M Pipe 6-11-0 A P McCoy
3 002P RELUCKINO 92 (V) J G O'Shea 7-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
4 0041 STEP IN LINE 223 G McCourt 5-11-0 D Fortt (3)
5 FP13 TRUE FRED 23P (F) Mrs A Price 8-11-0 A Thornton
6 ANIMOSITY S Knight 7-10-9 T Dascombe
7 P4R0 LADY ROSEBURY 11 R J Price 7-10-9 T J Murphy
8 66 PAMALYN 7 S Brookshaw 5-10-9 C Maude

9-4 Beck And Call, 5-2 Decyborg, 4-1 Step In Line, 7-1 Reluckino, 8-1 Pamalyn, 12-1 True Fred, 20-1 Animosity, Lady Rosebury

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss V Williams, 5 winners from 9 runners, 55.6%. F Murphy, 5 from 10, 50.0%; M Pipe, 36 from 113, 31.9%, J King, 6 from 23, 26.1%, P Hobbs, 15 from 63, 23.8%; J Mullins, 5 from 31, 16.1%, Miss H Knight, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

JOCKEYS: B Fenton, 7 winners from 23 rides, 30.4%, A P McCoy, 19 from 72, 26.4%, C Llewellyn, 21 from 80, 26.3%; T J Murphy 5 from 19, 26.3%, M A Fitzgerald, 14 from 69, 20.3%; N Williamson, 12 from 64, 18.8%

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER
2.10 Fairy Domino 3.45 Ertlon
2.40 Muhtafel 4.15 Zafarelli
3.10 Calamander 4.45 Esperto

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 SWAN LANE (nap). 4.15 Fortune Hopper. 4.45 Esperto.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if Flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN BACK STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 REPPS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,239: 5f 43yd) (6 runners)

1 (5) 605 ARM AND A LEG 6 (A K Financial Futures Ltd) C Dwyer 8-11 J Stack 87
2 (1) 00 EUROFEN 23 (B) (R Mason) P Evans 8-11 W Ryan 73
3 (2) 0 ASHJAJON 36 (D Powell) J White 8-6 D Biggs –
4 (4) 32 FAIRY DOMINO 11 (R Stanney) M Channon 8-6 L Dettori ●
5 (3) SANS RIVALE (D Powell) B Meehan 8-6 B Doyle –
6 (6) 03 ZIG ZAG 1 (Miss C Hollest) M Tompkins 8-6 P Clarke (7) 85

BETTING: 8-11 Fairy Domino, 9-2 Zig Zag, 13-2 Arm And A Leg, 8-1 Sans Rivale, 10-1 Eurofen, 20-1 Ashjajon

1996: IRISH FICTION 8-11 F Darley (11-8 fav) M Channon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARM AND A LEG 5¼l 5th of 10 to Lord Smith in claimer at Newcastle (5f, good). Previously ARM AND A LEG 7½l 8th of 16 to Ruzen in auction maiden at Leicester (5f, good) with yesterday's Leicester 3rd ZIG ZAG (5lb worse off) further sh hd 9th. EUROFEN 10l 7th of 11 to Ballet Rambert in auction maiden at Bath (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. ASHJAJON 14l 8th of 9 to Lazham in seller at Folkestone (5f, good to firm). FAIRY DOMINO 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Colours To Gold in auction maiden at Hamilton (5f, soft). SANS RIVALE (foaled Feb 16, cost 5,800 gns): sixth foal by Elmaamul, dam 1m 2f winner at three years.
Selection: FAIRY DOMINO

2.40 SOUTH NORFOLK CATERERS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,837: 1m 3yd) (10 runners)

1 (9) DUKHAN (H al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 R Hills –
2 (3) 60 FINAL WARNING 11 (E Carter) J Banks 9-0 J Stack 71
3 (5) MUHTAFEL (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 G Carter –
4 (6) 60- REAL ESTATE 223 (N Ahamad) C Wall 9-0 W Lord 85
5 (7) BINT SHIHAMA (M Obaida) C Brittain 8-9 B Doyle –
6 (1) 0- BLOWING AWAY 215 (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 8-9 D Biggs –
7 (10) 6- CARIBBEE BEACH 401 (Mrs S Burton) G Margarson 8-9 G Bardwell –
8 (4) 0-2 HEAVENLY RAY 62 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-9 K Fallon ●
9 (8) RIVER TWEED (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-9 W Ryan –
10 (2) SWAN LANE (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 L Dettori –

BETTING: 9-4 Heavenly Ray, 5-1 Muhtafel, River Tweed, Swan Lane, 8-1 Dukhan, 10-1 Bint Shihama, Real Estate, 12-1 others

1996: LUBABA 8-9 R Hills (5-2 jt-fav) H Thomson Jones 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DUKHAN half-brother by Silver Hawk to useful juvenile Walani. FINAL WARNING 13l 8th of 9 to Patriot Games in maiden at Lingfield (1m 1f, good). MUHTAFEL brother by Nashwan to useful juvenile Najiya. REAL ESTATE 9½l 7th to Royal Crusade in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). BLOWING AWAY 14l 9th to Sophomore in maiden at Doncaster (7f, good). CARIBBEE BEACH 16l last of 6 to Castle House in auction maiden at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm). HEAVENLY RAY ¾l 2nd to Dust Dancer in maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm).
Selection: HEAVENLY RAY

3.10 APPLEGATE HANDICAP (3-Y-O fillies: £3,018: 1m 3yd) (11 runners)

1 (6) 030-00 OUR WAY 16 (J Ward Hill) C Brittain 9-7 B Doyle 90
2 (7) 0215-0 RIVER OF FORTUNE 23 (F) (River Of Fortune Ptnrs) M Tompkins 9-2 D Biggs 93
3 (4) 060-06 JUNIE 47 (T Mills) T Mills 9-1 W Ryan 87
4 (3) 460-03 CALAMANDER 11 (P Blacker Studio Ptnrs) W Muir 8-12 K Fallon 92
5 (5) 500-0 FONTCAUDETTE 30 (Miss D Birkbeck) J Banks 8-10 J Stack 89
6 (9) 41046- SINGFORYOURSUPPER 253 (S) (Mrs S Martin) G Margarson 8-6 G Bardwell 89
7 (10) 00-025 POKER PRINCESS 20 (M Hawton) M Bell 8-5 M Fenton ●
8 (11) 6-00 HIPPY CHICK 19 (Miss D Whitehurst) J Jenkins 8-1 G Carter 87
9 (2) 0000-0 RACING HEART 13 (Avon Industries Ltd) P Makin 7-12 J Quinn 90
10 (8) 4540 CRACKERBOX 5 (I Deane) C Dwyer 7-12 R Mullen (5) 88
11 (1) 000- PIRONGIA 217 (C Hammond) P Howling 7-10 A Polli (5) –

Long handicap: Pirongia 7-7

BETTING: 3-1 Calamander, 7-2 River Of Fortune, 6-1 Our Way, Poker Princess, 7-1 Junie, Racing Heart, 10-1 Fontcaudette, 12-1 others

1996: CLASSIC BALLET 9-3 A Mackay (3-1) R Harris 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

OUR WAY 12l 7th to Gymcrak Flyer in handicap at Redcar (7f, good). RIVER OF FORTUNE 7l 10th to The Gay Fox in handicap at Warwick (7f, firm). JUNIE 10½l 8th to Boater in handicap at Brighton (1m, firm). CALAMANDER 9¾l 3rd to Sleepless in handicap at Newbury (7f 64yd, soft). SINGFORYOURSUPPER 8¾l 6th to Madame Chinnery in nursery here (7f, good). POKER PRINCESS 3½l 5th to Water Garden in handicap at Southwell (7f, stand). RACING HEART 8½l 7th to Blue Imperial in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm).
Selection: CALAMANDER

3.45 DAVID STOTT HANDICAP (£3,122: 7f 3yd) (15 runners)

1 (14) 241232 ERTLON 14 (CD,BF,F,G) (C Brittain) C Brittain 7-10-0 B Doyle 94
2 (3) 145210 JIBEREEN 9 (D,G,S) (L Sheridan) P Howling 5-10-0 Paul Eddery 98
3 (11) 210-00 WATCH THE FIRE 12 (G) (E Carter) J Banks 4-9-11 J Stack 90
4 (1) 0-0131 GYMCRAK FLYER 16 (CD,F,G) (Gymcrak Racing Club) G Holmes 6-9-8 K Fallon 94
5 (7) -04205 GODMERSHAM PARK 11 (H Hornby) P Felgate 5-9-6 L Dettori 93
6 (13) 0-6100 SAFEY ANA 12 (D,F,G) (Optimists Racing Ptnrs) B Hanbury 6-9-5 W Ryan 94
7 (5) 05-00 GAIN LINE 32 (Legend Racing Club) Bob Jones 4-9-2 N Day 95
8 (12) 0311/0 MELODIC DRIVE 12 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs C Stevens) J Glover 7-9-1 G Carter –
9 (6) 6-60 ON THE GREEN 42 (Mrs B Bletsoe) A Hide 4-8-5 D Biggs –
10 (2) 00-002 MEZZORAMIO 16 (V,D,F,G) (T Pryke) K Morgan 5-8-4 Jo Hunnam (7) ●
11 (8) 0/400- BEAR TO DANCE 384 (R Shilton) P Howling 4-7-12 R Mullen (5) –
12 (4) 000-00 HADADABBLE 16 (The Fun Managers Ptnrs) Pat Mitchell 4-7-10 A Polli (5) 92
13 (9) 0-0000 DIA GEORGY 22 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Crowley) C Dwyer 6-7-10 J Quinn 89
14 (15) 006600 SPANISH STRIPPER 16 (F) (T Satchell) M Chapman 6-7-10 G Bardwell 84
15 (10) 060-00 PERSEPHONE 17 (B) (The Freddy Ptnrs) J L Harris 4-7-10 J Lowe 92

Long handicap: Hadadabble 7-5, Dia Georgy 7-3, Spanish Stripper 7-2, Persephone 6-12

BETTING: 7-2 Gymcrak Flyer, 4-1 Ertlon, 7-1 Mezzoramio, 8-1 Jibereen, Safey Ana, 10-1 Watch The Fire, Godmersham Park, 12-1 others

1996: SEA-DEER 7-10-0 R Hills (4-1) C Dwyer 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ERTLON neck 2nd to Resist the Force in handicap at Lingfield (1m, stand). JIBEREEN 14l 7th to Finsbury Flyer in claimer at Windsor (1m 67yd, soft). WATCH THE FIRE 19l 11th to Purchasing Power in rated stakes at Newmarket (7f, good) with SAFEY ANA (12lb better off) further short head last. GYMCRAK FLYER beat La Dolce Vita in handicap at Redcar (7f, good). GODMERSHAM PARK 3¼l 5th of 17 to Viva Verdi in rated stakes at Nottingham (1m, good). MEZZORAMIO 1½l 2nd of 17 to Onole in ladies handicap at Redcar (1m, good). SPANISH STRIPPER 12l 7th of 9 to Jigsaw Boy in claimer at Southwell (7f, stand).
Selection: GODMERSHAM PARK (nap)

4.15 SOMERTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,462: 2m) (6 runners)

1 (6) 0-6440 ALIMERJAM 19 (B) (D Powell) J White 9-2 D Biggs 79
2 (4) 00-606 DAWN SUMMIT 8 (A Merza) B Hanbury 8-13 J Stack 89
3 (1) 0- ZAFARELLI 207 (Mrs M Southcott) S C Williams 8-11 W Lord –
4 (3) 35 FORTUNE HOPPER 12 (N Hanger) J Pearce 8-9 G Bardwell ●
5 (2) SHORELEAVE (Mrs V Faxton) Bob Jones 8-9 N Day –
6 (5) 30-050 MOORBIRD 19 (B) (J Abell) J L Harris 8-7 B Doyle 91

BETTING: 11-8 Fortune Hopper, 7-2 Alimerjam, 6-1 Zafarelli, 7-1 Dawn Summit, Moorbird, 8-1 Shoreleave

1996: SEDBERGH 9-7 K Darley (8-13 fav) Mrs M Reveley 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAWN SUMMIT 7½l 6th of 14 to Lindrick Lady in handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, good to soft). ZAFARELLI 26l 16th of 21 to Alcianado in seller at Newmarket (1m, good). FORTUNE HOPPER 17½l 5th of 6 to Janglynyve in claimer at Newmarket (1m, good). MOORBIRD 47l 15th of 17 to Tango King in handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good).
Selection: DAWN SUMMIT

4.45 SEA PALLING APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,715: 1m 2f 21yd) (12 runners)

1 (10) 2-0003 TIME OF NIGHT 5 (M & L Wackett) P Guest 4-10-0 S Righton ●
2 (3) 101-00 BLOCKADE 12 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Warrender) M Bell 8-9-9 Nicola Cole (6) 90
3 (9) 045002 LAW DANCER 22 (V,G) (T Dawn) T Mills 4-9-7 T Siddall 94
4 (4) 0/1-12 ESPERTO 5 (D,BF,G) (Mrs A Holman-Chappell) J Pearce 4-9-6 Lisa Moncrieff (8) 92
5 (6) 2042 ISIS HONDA 16 (Eddy Grimstead Honda Ltd) C Brittain 5-9-13 J Gotobed (3) 98
6 (9) 000-6 BOBBITT 30 (W McGregor) W Jarvis 3-8-7 T Thomas (9) 84
7 (11) -054-0 VALISE 16 (T Child) G Margarson 4-8-7 D Williams (5) 87
8 (5) 553-60 LYCIUS TOUCH 128 (S) (Mrs T Cutler) A Newcombe 3-7-13 P Bradley 94
9 (12) 000-00 PERFECT ANGEL 5 (V) (J Ellis) M Tompkins 3-7-12 P Clarke (3) 80
10 (2) 4000-0 ANTARTICTERN 37J (B,D,F,G) (J Wright) G Oldroyd 7-7-12 D Mernagh –
11 (1) 00-052 PARONOMASIA 54 (P Barrett) J L Harris 5-7-10 J Fowle 94
12 (7) 258050 ACERBUS DULCIS 11 (G Hooke) M Chapman 6-7-10 A McCarthy 88

Long handicap: Paronomasia 7-9, Acerbus Dulcis 7-7

BETTING: 11-2 Esperto, 6-1 Isis Honda, Paronomasia, 13-2 Blockade, 7-1 Time Of Night, Law Dancer, 8-1 Lycius Touch, 10-1 others

1996: CHIEFTAIN'S CROWN 5-9-1 P Doe (13-2) Miss K George 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

TIME OF NIGHT 2¼l 3rd of 18 to Bon Guest in apprentices handicap at Nottingham (1m, good). LAW DANCER 13l 2nd to Stellar Line in seller at Brighton (1m 2f, good to firm). ESPERTO 2l 2nd to Hill Farm Blues in selling handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good). ISIS HONDA neck 2nd to Queens Stroller in handicap at Southwell (1m, stand). BOBBITT 12¼l 6th of 19 to Gymcrak Flyer in rated stakes at Pontefract (1m, good) with BLOCKADE (1lb better off) 21l 9th. VALISE 12l 8th to Scathebury in claimer at Windsor (1m 67yd, soft). PARONOMASIA ½l 2nd of 10 to Anak-Ku in handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, stand).
Selection: TIME OF NIGHT

SPECIALISTS

YARMOUTH: Trainers: M Channon, 8 winners from 35 runners, 22.9%, J Gosden, 17 from 85, 20.0%, M Bell, 13 from 73, 17.8%; J Dunlop, 4 from 26, 15.4%, C Brittain, 19 from 142, 13.4%, J Fanshawe, 10 from 75, 13.3%. Jockeys: L Dettori, 24 winners from 120 rides, 20.0%, W Ryan, 20 from 110, 18.2%; G Carter, 7 from 51, 13.7%, M Fenton, 7 from 61, 11.5%, J Stack, 3 from 26, 11.5%.

NEWBURY: Trainers: J Gosden, 31 winners from 128 runners, 24.2%, Miss G Kelleway, 5 from 26, 19.2%; R Charlton, 18 from 115, 15.7%, Lady Herries, 8 from 59, 13.6%, A Stewart, 4 from 30, 13.3%, H Cecil, 12 from 96, 12.5%. Jockeys: J Reid, 53 winners from 280 rides, 18.9%, L Dettori, 40 from 212, 18.9%, T Quinn, 31 from 260, 11.9%; Pat Eddery, 31 from 273, 11.4%, R Cochrane, 16 from 149, 10.7%, D Harrison, 13 from 124, 10.5%

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Redcar

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.15 (6f) 1, BEHOLD (D Harrison, 5-1); 2, Fayrana (F Lynch, 6-1); 3, Sharp Cracker (J Weaver, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Ella Falls (4th), 10 Flower O Cannie (5th), 12 Bollinger Rose, Inchalong (6th), Patricius, Shalyah, 20 Imperial Honey, 50 Kara-Love. 11 ran. 1l, hd, 1½l, hd, 1l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £6.20; £2.20, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £15.90. Trio: £8.80. CSF: £36.01.

2.45 (6f) 1, AFAAN (Mrs M Morris, 7-2 fav); 2, Gay Breeze (Mr J Goldstein, 6-1); 3, High Spirits (Miss A Deniel, 12-1); 4, Priory Gardens (Miss V Roberts, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Hi Mujtahid, 12 Chef's Lady, 14 Fiabstar, Only Josh, 16 Belbay Star (6th), Canton Ron, Hisons Executive, Swiss Coast, Wilde Mirat, 20 Bellarulla, Mystic Maid, Splashed, Stolen Music, 25 Comin' Up, Manhattan Diamond (5th), Severn Mill, Silent System, 50 Interactor, Rustic Song, Saturiba, Thewrightone. 25 ran. NR: Mister Sean. 2½l, ¾l, ½l, nk, nk. R Marvin at Doncaster. Tote: £5.80; £1.70, £2.30, £2.40, £30.20. DF: £10.80. Trio: £26.50. CSF: £20.26. Tricast: £236.60.

3.15 (5f) 1, BLESSINGINDISGUISE (L Charnock, 11-2); 2, Moon Strike (O Urbina, 9-1); 3, Antarctic Storm (F Norton, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 For The Present, 6 Insider Trader (4th), Swynford Dream, 8 Squire Corrie (6th), 10 Spender (5th), 12 Royal Dome, 16 Tart And A Half, 20 Brecongill Lad, 25 Bayford Thrust, Top Of The Form. 13 ran. ¾l, 1¾l, 1l, sh hd, 2l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £5.20; £2.20, £2.10, £12.50. DF: £33.00. Trio: £476.40 (part won; pool of £536.84 carried forward to 3.45 at Yarmouth today). CSF: £52.15. Tricast: £4,279.03.

3.45 (1m 6f 19yd) 1, AURELIAN (M Fenton, 10-1); 2, Alagna (K Darley, 2-1 fav); 3, Monarch's Pursuit (J Fortune, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Arisaig (6th), 7 Spondulicks, 15-2 Meltwood, 16 Bout, Ziggy's Viola (5th), 20 Grovefair Lad, Kickonsun (4th), Maremma, 25 Miss Barcelona, 33 Gollaccia, Ocean Breeze, 50 Kissandy. 15 ran. Nk, 5l, sh hd, nk, 1l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £23.20; £5.20, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £25.00. Trio: £106.70. CSF: £28.46. Tricast: £134.57.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, HEART OF GOLD (W Ryan, 5-1); 2, Klondike Charger (J Weaver, 7-4 fav); 3, Dancing Queen (M Fenton, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Allied Academy (5th), Madison Mist (6th), Quest For Best (4th), 12 Lightning Rebel, 20 Court Express, 33 Desert Cat, 50 Degree. 10 ran. 2½l, 7l, 3l, 3l, 2½l. Miss S Hall at Middleham. Tote: £5.70; £1.30, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £7.10. Trio: £13.60. CSF: £14.50.

4.45 (7f) 1, WEETMAN'S WEIGH (F Lynch, 3-1); 2, Quilling (J Fortune, 11-4 fav); 3, Toujours Riviera (C Teague, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Mountgate (4th), 7 Move With Edes, 10 Spotted Eagle (5th), 40 Prominent (6th). 7 ran. 1l, 2l, 1l, 12l, ½l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £3.30; £2.00, £1.80. DF: £5.00. CSF: £10.62.

5.15 (1m 1f) 1, DISPOL GEM (K Darley, 10-1); 2, Nobby Barnes (Kim Tinkler, 12-1); 3, Habeta (J Lowe, 8-1); 4, Spanish Verdict (F Lynch, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Raed, 8 Bulsara, Harvey White, Leif The Lucky (5th), Pension Fund, 9 Pride Of Pendle, 10 Bedazzle, Energy Man, 20 Imperial Or Metric, 25 Talented Ting, 33 Major Mouse, 50 Matal (6th). 16 ran. ½l, 1¾l, sh hd, hd, ¾l. P Calver at Ripon. Tote: £11.30; £2.10, £2.00, £2.70, £2.90. DF: £78.00. Trio: £620.20. CSF: £127.45. Tricast: £991.39.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £34,557.17 carried forward to Folkestone today).

Placepot: £18.20. Quadpot: £12.70

Leicester

Going: good to firm

2.30 (5f 218yd) 1, WOLF MOUNTAIN (Dane O'Neill, 2-1); 2, Imroz (K Fallon, 11-8 fav); 3, Soviet Leader (J Reid, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Jhazi (4th). 4 ran. Nk, 5l, 23l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.50. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.60.

3.00 (5f 218yd) 1, WHO NOSE (G Hannon, 9-4); 2, The Honorable Lady (T Quinn, 7-4 fav); 3, Zig Zag (D Biggs, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 11 Margaret's Dancer (4th), 33 Averham Star (5th). 5 ran. NR: Sipping Soda. 1¼l, 5l, 1½l, ¾l. B Meehan at Lambourn. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £3.80. CSF: £6.13. No bid.

3.30 (7f 9yd) 1, FAITHFUL SON (J Reid, 8-13 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Za-Im (R Hills, 4-1); 3, Royal Aty (G Hind, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Manazil (5th), 16 Bachelors Pad (4th), 20 Mukaddar (6th). 6 ran. 3l, 3l, 1¼l, 6l, 5l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.90.

4.00 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, PRINCESS DANIELLE (J Reid, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Sandmoor Denim (S Webster, 9-1); 3, Calendula (G Carter, 16-1); 4, Snowy Mantle (R Mullen, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt-fav Kola, 11-2 Gold Desire, 7 Shining Example (5th), 12 Benjamins Law, 14 Classic Ballet, Mercury (6th), 16 African-Pard, Lucky Begonia, 25 Eric's Bett, Gulf Of Siam, In A Tizzy, 33 Samim, 50 Absolutely Fayre, 100 Woodlands Lad Too. 18 ran. Nk, sh hd, 1l, hd, ¾l. W Muir at Lambourn. Tote: £6.60; £1.10, £3.10, £3.10, £4.60. DF: £24.80. Trio: £346.50 (part won; pool of £258.69 carried forward to 3.45 at Yarmouth today). CSF: £46.22. Tricast: £648.63.

4.30 (1m 8yd) 1, JANGLYNYVE (L Dettori, 13-8 fav); 2, Princess Of Hearts (J Reid, 7-2); 3, Soura (G Hind, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Hint Of Victory (5th), 10 Change, Pastiche, 20 Victory At Hart (6th), 25 Wheridon (4th). 8 ran. Hd, 4l, 4l, 1½l, 3l. S Woods at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.10, £2.20. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.89.

5.00 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, SCARROTS (S Drowne, 11-1); 2, Mystic Quest (J Reid, 3-1 fav); 3, Persian Blue (Dane O'Neill, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 As-Is (6th), 9-2 Nick Of Time, 9 Beauchamp Lion (4th), Tycoon Tina (5th), 10 Bonne Ville, 25 Kustom Kit Klassic, Yangtze, 50 Hippios. 11 ran. NR: Greenwich Fore. Nk, sh hd, ½l, 1½l, nk. S Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £10.40; £2.10, £1.60, £2.40. DF: £27.40. Trio: £86.10. CSF: £41.27. Tricast: £237.04.

Placepot: £37.00. Quadpot: £5.40.

☐ Fergal Lynch lost his right to claim with a victory on Weetman's Weigh in the Billingham Limited Stakes at Redcar yesterday. It was the 95th success of his career.

☐ Steve Drowne picked up a two-day ban for careless riding after his win on Scarrots in the Coronation Handicap at Leicester yesterday.

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CRICKET

Hollioake's heady week continues as Essex capitulate

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

CHELMSFORD (Surrey won the toss): Surrey beat Essex by six wickets

CRICKET will not always *seem so simple to Adam* Hollioake but, while the force remains with him, he is making every moment count. As captain of Surrey, the meteor *of English cricket* had little to do yesterday bar winning the toss, changing the bowling and bringing himself on to take two wickets in his first over. However, the crushing of Essex, by a familiar margin *of six wickets, was symptom*atic of his heady week.

Surrey have had some bad days against these hostile neighbours — 14 all out in 1983 *still rankles — and, by the* visible and audible evidence, there is little love lost. The game, however, did not match the atmosphere and a full-*house crowd had begun trail*ing home long before the anti-climactic end.

Hollioake was not even required to hit the winning *runs, a duty performed by* Mark Butcher with a massive 45 balls to spare. Essex, previously unbeaten in all competitions, had committed the crime of being bowled out well *inside their 50-over* quota, and for a total perhaps 60 runs short of their optimum on a blameless pitch. It was an awfully long way back from there.

Surrey, whose solitary Benson and Hedges Cup was gained 23 years ago, will take some stopping this summer. *They reached the target of 215* unextended, after a typically belligerent launch from Alistair Brown, and they hope to be reinforced next week by *the arrival of* the Pakistan off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq.

It had been Surrey's intention to get by without overseas help, after Brendon Julian's *recruitment* to the Australia tour party. Their mind has been altered by international calls and injuries and, sad though it is that an admirable *initiative has been abandoned,* Saqlain will give them a different dimension.

Essex, in contrast, must play appreciably better than *this if their stimulating start* to the season is not to come to grief. They lost wickets too quickly, some of them to unworthy strokes, and their *slim prospects of defending an* inadequate score vanished when Graham Thorpe was dropped twice, *on two and* five.

Some things about this *ground are touchingly famil*iar. There will always be chaos at the car park gates, for instance, and Graham Gooch will always be in the nets, having throw-downs from Alan Lilley, soon after breakfast. Normally, it *will follow* that Gooch is making a sequence of formidable scores but this part of the equation is significantly absent.

Gooch, indeed, *is in danger* of reaching the end of May without a half-century to his *name,* and few things in cricket are more unthinkable than that. Yesterday's dismissal was in tune with what he freely refers to as "my nightmare". Looking to glance a ball from Chris Lewis that was *missing* leg stump by *six* inches, he was bowled off his pads.

This was the third Essex wicket to fall for the addition of three runs after their openers, Paul Prichard and Stuart Law, had shared 34 in five *overs. The innings never quite* recovered. For all the merit of Nasser Hussain's 52 and Ronnie Irani's fluent 38, their stand of 71 in 12 overs was a *sole worthwhile partnership.*

Martin Bicknell took three crucial wickets, swinging the ball late in two waspish spells.

Things might have turned *out differently if Brown's loop*ing first-ball miscue had not come to ground safely between point and extra-cover. He bludgeoned the next delivery *through mid-off* for four and, thereafter, batted with the authority of a man who has just made 157 in a Sunday game.

Stewart clipped a simple catch to mid-wicket in Mark Ilott's first over and Ben Hollioake *faced only nine* balls — four of which he hit for fours — before playing across the line at Cowan. Thorpe was oddly out of sorts but Essex took *pity upon him and the* third wicket added 110 in 22 overs.

Brown and Thorpe were both to fall before the end, but *there was no sense of Essex* clawing their way back. Butcher, plainly a candidate to open the England innings next week, played with quiet precision and the game *had* a curious end when Nadeem Shahid injured himself while walking to the middle. There was not too much else for the crowd to remember.

Gatting hands over Middlesex captaincy

By Alan Lee

A DISTINGUISHED era *ended yesterday when* Mike Gatting stood down as captain of Middlesex, having led them to eight trophies in 14 seasons. The *job will pass immediately* to Mark Ramprakash, who will lead the county against Northamptonshire at Lord's tomorrow.

Gatting, who will be 40 next week, cited increasing duties as an England selec*tor for his decision.* "It was always our plan that Mark would take over at the end of the season," Joe Hardstaff, the Middlesex *secretary, said.* "But Mike has found his work for England more onerous than he expected."

It is an honest and self*less withdrawal by Gatting,* and one that reflects anxiety over his new national responsibilities. He needed to be persuaded that the *time was right for him to* join the selection panel, and now plainly feels that it would be unfair to all concerned to spread his time too thinly. Although *he remains contracted to* Middlesex as a player until the end of 1998, the implicit promise of a coaching position with the club could *persuade him into retire*ment a year early.

Gatting is part of the furniture at Lord's, where he made his debut for *Middlesex in 1975.* When Mike Brearley retired in 1982, having led the side for *12 seasons, Gatting was an* obvious choice as successor and his tenure has brought the club three county championships and success in *each of the three one-*day competitions.

His batting form, however, has been ailing since his retirement from Test cricket *and, last summer,* he managed only 761 championship runs. He has made a similarly modest start to this season and, *with a career total of 91* first-class centuries, it seems unlikely he will now join the elite 23 players to have made 100.

Smith, of Warwickshire, hits Llong for four as Marsh, the Kent wicketkeeper, looks on. Photograph: Graham Morris

Walker sets fierce pace for Kent

By Simon Wilde

CANTERBURY (Warwickshire won toss): Kent beat Warwickshire by four wickets

KENT have never forgiven Warwickshire for beating them in a Benson and Hedges Cup *quarter-final* three years ago in a "bowl-out" that they believe should never have happened. They took a most satisfying revenge yesterday, *successfully chasing a target* rarely achieved in this competition. Set 305 to win, they got home with three balls to spare.

Actually, the outcome had *been in little doubt for some* time, so well did Matthew Walker, the Kent opener, strike the ball from the outset of his wonderful innings of 117 from 119 balls. Kent are such a richly talented one-day side that they are *not daunted* by many tasks, but Walker's eagle-eyed hitting square on both sides of the wicket launched them on their way in spectacular fashion.

This is becoming something of a habit for Walker, 23, who *has come* on leaps and bounds in the past 12 months after struggling to establish a first-team place in the Kent side. This was his fourth score of *more than 50 in the cup* this season, but his first century in any *limited-overs* competition and his progress has been so dramatic that there may be *better things to come.*

Kent would not have managed it without pugnacious contributions on a batsman's pitch from Fleming, Llong, Cowdrey and Ealham. The last two were batting when the *heat was greatest* — Cowdrey hitting the winning runs and finishing with an unbeaten 39 from 26 balls — but Llong had the greatest reason for satis*faction. He it was who missed* so expensively in the Edgbaston bowl-out.

Warwickshire, whose own innings was also built around a *belligerent* century, *in this* case from Neil Smith, will be mortified to lose in such circumstances, but the result might have been different had not Donald broken down. Their strike bowler hobbled off the field clutching the left *side of his back after sending* down only 12 legitimate balls — plus five illegitimate ones, slung down the leg-side at a cost of 14 wides. Even more expensively, *his replacement,* Sheikh, dropped a simple chance from Fleming that cost 34 runs.

Smith and Brown, both promoted to "give it some tap", deserve credit for giving War*wickshire a blazing start of* their own after Knight, continuing his uncertain run, failed to survive the first over, bowled by a ball from *McCague that deviated little.* After seven overs, Warwickshire were 56 for one.

Smith, reprieved by Wells at slip on 51, stayed to score 125 from 119 balls, his highest one-day score and Warwickshire's first century of the season. He *shared a fourth-wicket stand* of 103 in 21 overs with Ostler, but a total of 300 looked unlikely until some judicious late hitting from Welch and Giles.

Capel guarantees smooth passage

By Pat Gibson

HEADINGLEY (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire beat Yorkshire by seven wickets

ALL the talk this week has been of the Hollioake brothers and how Adam or Ben might one day fill Ian Botham's boots in the England side, but it was a man who was trying to do that a decade ago who gave *Northamptonshire a surprisingly* straightforward passage into the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Like so *many* cricketers who have occupied the England all-rounder's pos*ition in recent times,* David Capel has inevitably suffered in comparison with Botham. Suffice to say that Botham or either of the Hollioakes, come to that, would have been proud of the performance that he produced yesterday.

First he took five for 51, including a spell *of four for three in nine deliveries,* to tear the heart out of the Yorkshire batting. Then he struck 67 out of 90 for the first wicket to give Northamptonshire just the start they wanted in pursuit of 254.

Needless to say, he won the gold award, surprisingly his first in 61 Benson and Hedges matches, although he was generous enough to say afterwards that he felt it should have gone to his captain, Rob Bailey, *who not only won an important* toss but guided his side to victory with an undefeated 70.

The pitch was the same one that had been used for the recent one-day international and, *on an overcast morning, there* was seam, swing and, from the Kirkstall Lane End, a suggestion of uneven bounce, although for a while Northamptonshire did not make the most of it.

Byas did drive over a yorker in Akram's second over, but it was not until Lehmann, attempting something altogether too ambitious against Capel, was caught behind, that the wickets started to tumble. McGrath was leg-before first ball, White drove to extra cover and *Blakey edged to second slip in rapid* succession.

It was left to Vaughan, shrugging off a nasty blow on the fingers from Capel, to lead the recovery in a sixth-wicket stand of *115 with Parker. Vaughan made 66 and* Parker 58 and, with a bit of help from the tail, Yorkshire seemed to have a competitive total.

Capel soon made a nonsense of that. He scored *his 67 off only 59 balls,* hitting two sixes and nine fours, and, with Montgomerie playing the anchor role to perfection until he was run out for 39, all Bailey had to do was keep a cool head to *see his side home in the evening sunshine.*

Somerset swept away by pace of Millns

By Ivo Tennant

LEICESTER (Somerset won toss): Leicestershire beat Somerset by 20 runs

ON A pitch *that was not* of the requisite standard for a Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final, a low-scoring contest culminated in the Somerset tail not quite being able to atone for the failings of their recognised batsmen. Rob Turner and Andy Caddick added 60 for the ninth wicket in 11 overs, which was by some way *the highest partnership of* the innings, but it was insufficient.

The pitch was the same one that was used for the Sunday *league match two days before,* which was not ideal. There was hardly a batsman on either side who did not find acquiring runs an arduous *task. Several, particularly in* the Somerset upper order, seemingly got out through frustration at not being able to drive fast and slow bowlers alike *with any fluency.*

Rose took wickets in each of his first three overs and would have had one in his fourth had Harden not dropped a *straightforward slip catch. It* was a costly error, for Whitaker, who had made three, finished with 51, the second highest score of the match. *His partnership with* Smith realised 102 in 22 overs.

There was scant turn, but *spin proved as effective as* pace. Mushtaq Ahmed had a tight spell, Trump took four wickets, including holding a splendid catch off a fierce *drive by Whitaker, and only* Aftab Habib batted sensibly at the end of the Leicestershire innings. *It was the Somerset* fielding that let them down. *Smith, whose 61 included six* fours, was missed on 14, and Whitaker was dropped a sec*ond time when he had made* 23.

Somerset needed only 198. For a cup quarter-final, that was no great score. Yet Millns, who bowled his ten overs straight through at a considerable pace, proved irrepressible. He yorked Kerr, had Burns caught at the wicket cutting at a wide one, and had Harden leg-before.

His figures of three for 36, *plus* an excellent low catch at mid-wicket to account for Rose, won him the gold award. When Bowler went, held at the wicket off Dakin, *Somerset were 100 for seven.* That should have been that.

Yet Turner and Caddick unexpectedly batted with far more spirit and concentration than those batsmen who had gone before them. The wicketkeeper was last out, held at deep *mid-wicket* looking to hit a full toss from Brimson over the boundary.

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Atherton forgets the plot of home and away series

Perhaps he was feeling light-headed after thrashing Australia, but Michael Atherton made an *arresting remark during* the England captain's triumphal press conference at Lord's on Sunday. Asked why his team's record in one-day matches is so much better at home than overseas, he said that, on tour, *England* were confined to a small group of players, some of whom were not one-day specialists. "In England, we have 400 professionals to *choose from,"* he said.

This statement was delivered with such aplomb that no one had the temerity to question it. Was it only a year ago *that England hand-picked* a squad of 14 one-day wonders to contest the World Cup with such singular lack of success? Was it only 18 months ago that *five one-day specialists* were flown out to strengthen the team in South Africa, where England proceeded to lose a limited-overs series 6-1.

Last winter, it is true, the likes of Graeme Hick and Chris Lewis were left at home, *but it* was England's decision — one that some thought smacked of arrogance — to *take only 14 players to* Zimbabwe. The upshot was that they were trounced in the one-day series, 3-0.

Atherton says that England are considering a change in personnel before the five one-day matches that round off the *tour of the Caribbean next* winter. The results will be awaited with interest.

Stubbed out?

The Government's proposed legislation on the sponsorship *of sports events* by tobacco companies has thrown into doubt the long-term future of the Benson and Hedges Cup, the fourth and youngest of the county competitions. Assuming *Benson and Hedges does* not find a way round the ban — as *tobacco sponsors* have in other countries — sponsorship may be sought from a cleaner-living backer.

But the cup may go up in smoke anyway, as the England management committee is preparing to publish a blueprint for county cricket later this summer and there is *an influential lobby in favour* of restricting the programme to three competitions.

Good schooling

All eyes are on the Australians, of course, but another touring team arrived at the weekend: the mighty St Thomas's *College, Mount Lavinia,* one of the best teams in Sri Lanka, whose visit represents *something of a reconnaissance* mission for the country that will come here to defend the World Cup in 1999.

Schools cricket on the island is breathtakingly strong, bringing to the fore exciting young talent at an enviable *rate. Five members of the St* Thomas's team have already played for the national under-19 side and three *former* national captains — Anura Tennekoon, Michael Tissera and Duleep Mendis, the Sri Lanka manager — are old boys. There must be a good chance that some of the party will be returning with the full team in two years' time.

The St Thomas's boys may find attendances rather small, however. Their meeting with their arch-rivals, Royal College, Colombo, is one of the leading events in the island's sporting calendar, attracting crowds of up to 15,000. Four years ago, the match aroused more interest than England's *laboured efforts in a Test* match elsewhere in the city.

The boys, who plan to run their eye over England and Australia at Edgbaston next *week, play the first match of* their three-week tour at Horley today. They face their biggest challenge when they take on the Surrey under-25 side at Avorians CC, *Cobham,* on June 11. Tony Banks, the *Sports Minister,* has been invited to attend.

Space invader

Advance warnings of traffic jams are always welcome, so here is a tip: stay off the roads between Cornwall *and* London next spring. The proposed new media centre at Lord's — so futuristic in appearance that some suspect it will *attract friendly signals* from passing Martian spacecraft — is being assembled in a dry *shipyard in Falmouth and will* be brought to St John's Wood by lorry in 24 parts. MCC hopes that these "abnormal loads" will make their journeys overnight, as anyone stuck behind such a convoy could be alienated from cricket for life.

It was intended that the media centre would start functioning early next season, but that is now unlikely. "Even when the centre is in place, there will be an enormous amount of work to be done fitting it out," Chris Rea, the MCC assistant secretary for marketing, said. "It looks now as though it will not be ready until the World Cup."

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SCOREBOARDS

Benson and Hedges Cup Quarter-finals

Essex v Surrey

CHELMSFORD (Surrey won toss): Surrey (2pts) beat Essex by six wickets

ESSEX

*P J Prichard c Stewart b Lewis	12
S G Law c Stewart b Bicknell	20
N Hussain c Stewart b Bicknell	52
G A Gooch b Lewis	0
R C Irani c Shahid b Benjamin	38
A P Grayson not out	49
D R Law c Stewart b Bicknell	10
†R J Rollins c Salisbury b A J Hollioake	12
M C Ilott b A J Hollioake	0
A P Cowan c A J Hollioake b Lewis	8
P M Such run out	3
Extras (lb 6, w 4)	10
Total (45.5 overs)	214

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-36, 3-37, 4-108, 5-141, 6-164, 7-190, 8-198, 9-207.

BOWLING: Bicknell 10-0-40-3; Lewis 9-1-51-3; Salisbury 8.5-0-39-0; Benjamin 10-1-44-1; B C Hollioake 6-0-28-0; A J Hollioake 2-1-6-2.

SURREY

A D Brown b Grayson	71
†A J Stewart c S G Law b Ilott	0
B C Hollioake lbw b Cowan	17
G P Thorpe b Ilott	73
M A Butcher not out	41
N Shahid not out	3
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 3)	10
Total (4 wkts, 42.3 overs)	215

*A J Hollioake, C C Lewis, I D K Salisbury, M P Bicknell and J E Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-25, 3-155, 4-205.

BOWLING: Cowan 7-0-48-1; Ilott 10-1-60-2; Irani 2-0-16-0; S G Law 4-0-15-0; Such 10-1-37-0; Grayson 9.3-0-34-1.

Gold award: M P Bicknell.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and J H Harris.

Kent v Warwickshire

CANTERBURY (Warwickshire won toss): Kent (2pts) beat Warwickshire by four wickets

WARWICKSHIRE

*N V Knight b McCague	5
N M K Smith c Strang b Ealham	125
D R Brown b Fleming	28
D L Hemp c Walker b Fleming	8
D P Ostler b Strang	44
T L Penney c Fleming b Ealham	14
G Welch c Walker b Fleming	26
A F Giles not out	28
†K J Piper b Fleming	0
A A Donald not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 8, nb 8)	25
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	304

G C Small did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-72, 3-103, 4-206, 5-242, 6-242, 7-303, 8-303.

BOWLING: McCague 8-0-63-1; Headley 7-0-42-0; Ealham 10-0-53-2; Fleming 10-0-58-4; Strang 10-0-43-1; Llong 5-0-36-0.

KENT

M V Fleming run out	41
M J Walker b Giles	117
N J Llong b Small	39
T R Ward b Small	4
A P Wells c Giles b Welch	14
M A Ealham c Penney b Brown	24
G R Cowdrey not out	39
P A Strang not out	[illegible]
Extras [illegible]	[illegible]
Total (6 wkts, 49.3 overs)	[illegible]

[illegible]

FALL OF WICKETS: [illegible]

BOWLING: [illegible]

Gold award: M J Walker.

Umpires: [illegible]

Leicestershire v Somerset

LEICESTER (Somerset won toss): Leicestershire (2pts) beat Somerset by 20 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE

V J Wells lbw b Rose	0
D L Maddy b Rose	0
*J J Whitaker c and b Trump	51
N C Johnson c Lathwell b Rose	6
B F Smith b Trump	61
A Habib not out	43
†P A Nixon b Trump	11
J M Dakin b Trump	8
D J Millns c Lathwell b Bowler	2
A D Mullally run out	2
M T Brimson b Caddick	0
Extras (lb 6, w 5, nb 4)	15
Total (48.2 overs)	197

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-8, 3-14, 4-116, 5-139, 6-167, 7-185, 8-190, 9-196.

BOWLING: Rose 8-0-37-3; Caddick 8.2-1-33-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-1-26-0; Kerr 4-0-20-0; Trump 10-0-51-4; Bowler 8-1-24-1.

SOMERSET

J I D Kerr b Millns	2
M Burns c Nixon b Millns	31
S C Ecclestone b Mullally	8
M N Lathwell b Mullally	1
R J Harden lbw b Millns	0
*P D Bowler c Nixon b Dakin	25
G D Rose c Millns b Wells	7
†R J Turner c Smith b Brimson	30
Mushtaq Ahmed c Johnson b Brimson	10
A R Caddick c Nixon b Mullally	38
H R J Trump not out	1
Extras (lb 10, w 12, nb 2)	24
Total (47.5 overs)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-27, 3-42, 4-48, 5-57, 6-73, 7-100, 8-115, 9-175.

BOWLING: Mullally 9-1-33-3; Millns 10-0-36-3; Wells 10-3-24-1; Johnson 6-0-20-0; Brimson 9.5-0-38-2; Dakin 3-0-18-1.

Gold award: D J Millns.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R A White

Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

HEADINGLEY (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (2pts) beat Yorkshire by seven wickets.

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas b Mohammad Akram	4
M P Vaughan c Emburey b Taylor	85
D S Lehmann c Ripley b Capel	30
A McGrath lbw b Capel	0
C White c Snape b Capel	0
†R J Blakey c Bailey b Capel	4
B Parker lbw b Snape	58
P J Hartley c Ripley b Capel	14
D Gough not out	18
C E W Silverwood run out	8
Extras (b 3, lb 9, w 16, nb 4)	32
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	253

R D Stemp did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-81, 3-81, 4-81, 5-89, 6-204, 7-228, 8-229, 9-253.

BOWLING: Mohammad Akram 10-2-43-1; Taylor 8-0-47-1; Capel 10-1-51-5; Penberthy 2-0-20-0; Curran 6-0-21-0; Emburey 7-0-29-0; Snape 7-0-30-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

D J Capel b White	67
R R Montgomerie run out	39
*R J Bailey not out	70
K M Curran c Blakey b Hartley	34
[illegible]	[illegible]
Extras [illegible]	[illegible]
Total [illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

Umpires: [illegible]

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Somerset swept away by pace of Millns

Centenary snub leaves Boniperti out in the cold

Brian Glanville finds the European champions beset by political feuding and transfer talk

AS JUVENTUS, holders and favourites, prepare for the European Cup final, as they celebrate their 100th anniversary, all should be harmony, sweetness and light. Alas, it is not. Two of the club's former titans, Gianni Agnelli and Gianpiero Boniperti, have truly put the cat among the pigeons.

Agnelli, always known as *L'avvocato*, the lawyer, is notoriously mischievous. Still one of the most powerful men in Italy, formerly the head of Fiat, long the chief patron of Juventus, sports journalists hang on his lightest words.

Boniperti was his protégé, a blond, blue-eyed matinée idol, already an Italy international 50 years ago, when he was 19, later captain of Juventus, his only club, and Italy, scorer of two goals for the Rest of the World against England at Wembley in 1953. Umberto Agnelli, the present Juventus president and Gianni's younger brother, is no friend.

Gianni, on Boniperti's retirement from football, put him into agricultural machinery, made him rich and then made him the Juvè president. Imagine, then, the outrage when "Boni", very recently, was not invited to Juventus's centenary celebration at a castle near Turin.

For Boniperti, it was the last straw. His pride had already been hurt when the club announced that the best of their players had been not himself but the little Argentinian inside left, Omar Sivori, who had joined the club only in 1957. He and Boniperti played either side of John Charles in attack and Juvè won the League.

Boniperti was not invited and Roberto Bettega, himself a star for Juventus and Italy, now vice president and the club's main man, insisted no insult to Boniperti had been intended. He would, like other ex-players, be invited to a subsequent *festa*. An ex-player? Insult was added to injury. Boniperti had not just been a player, but a hugely successful president.

Agnelli upset his club by publicly deriding Juvè's dull display in their important recent league match against Parma, who still then had a slight chance of catching them. "Pitiful," he said, which deeply offended Bettega, Luciano Moggi, the club's chief wheeler-dealer, and its administrator, Antonio Giraudo. All three are said to have contemplated resignation.

Then, there are the questions of Christian Vieri and Alessandro del Piero, both young, both internationals. Vieri, after an uneasy start and some battles with the Juvè coach Marcello Lippi, has settled down to score goals; a powerful striker, born in Australia, son of the "fantasist" inside forward, Roberto Vieri. A menace in the box with foot or head.

Would Juvè really sell him to Atlético Madrid, despite an offer that would give them a huge profit on what they paid Atalanta for him last summer? True, they sold Fabrizio Ravanelli and Gianluca Vialli soon after last year's European Cup final, but Vieri is a much younger man.

Lippi, however, is to acquire the Uruguay striker, Daniel Fonseca, from AS Roma, despite Fonseca's poor season there. Lippi, who managed him at Napoli, clearly thinks he can revive him.

Thus there will be an embarrassment of riches in attack and, while del Piero is one of the most gifted Italians of his generation, still only 22, injury has rendered him inactive for most of this year. His £500,000-a-year contract, which runs until 2000, looked fine when he signed it, but, when the Bosman ruling was accepted in Italy, other stars outstripped him. His agent, who also looks after Vialli, wants more money.

So Juventus, who seem to think any player expendable, could well transfer both young stars.

Juventus to extend European rule in imperial fashion

By Oliver Holt, football correspondent

FASHION still belongs to Milan but Juventus are likely to ensure that they remain the current vogue when they take on Borussia Dortmund in the European Cup final in the Olympic Stadium in Munich tonight. A centenarian she may be, but the Old Lady of Juventus is once more the darling of the catwalks.

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, and not a man lightly given to professing admiration, is a confirmed fan of the Italian club's methods. Ronald de Boer, the Ajax defender, said they were "like a team from another planet" in the wake of his club's crushing defeats at their hands last month.

Anyone with money to spend speaks forlornly of how they would like to tempt Zinedine Zidane, the French midfield player who is being called "the new Platini", away from Turin before confessing that there is little chance of enticing him to another club. Ferguson, it is said, would like to play him in the role Eric Cantona has just vacated.

Other players, even an icon like Alessandro del Piero, are apparently considered dispensable assets, like Gianluca Vialli and Fabrizio Ravanelli before them, proof of the cliché that no player is bigger than the team.

In the season since they beat Ajax on penalties in last year's European Cup final, Juventus have swept all before them. They beat the South American champions, River Plate, to become world club champions, they humiliated Paris Saint-Germain to claim the European Super Cup and, last Friday, they claimed back the Italian championship from Milan by drawing with Atalanta in Bergamo.

Much of it has been achieved without del Piero and Alen Boksic, Juve's injured first-choice strikers, who have been replaced seamlessly by Christian Vieri and Nicola Amoruso, new testament to the abilities of the coach, Marcello Lippi.

Lippi, 49, was ridiculed by many for allowing Vialli and Ravanelli to depart, but the recruitment of Zidane and Paolo Montero, a Uruguayan who has strengthened an already formidable defence, has forced acceptance that last year's version does not bear comparison to the new model.

"Juventus will win," Johan Cruyff, the former Barcelona manager, said. "I admire what they have achieved. They have not been carried away by this fixation with foreign players."

Zidane: "new Platini"

The praise, in fact, is raining down on Juventus as though they have already beaten Borussia Dortmund. That they are favourites is certain, but the Germans will be on home soil, playing the liberated football of a team with nothing to lose.

Their build-up has not been quite as forceful as that of Juventus. Their pursuit of a much-coveted and, for them, unprecedented third successive Bundesliga title ended last weekend when Bayern Munich, Jürgen Klinsmann *et al*, beat them to it. But, as far back as the beginning of April, when they were preparing for the semi-finals against United, they resigned themselves to that fate and began to concentrate instead on the European Cup.

Like Juventus, Dortmund beat the English champions at home and away. Like Juventus, they did not concede a goal in the process and, through their elimination of a team whose destiny was supposed to be to win the trophy in the city where so many of their great team perished in the air crash of 1958, they may have gained extra strength.

The key to their chances of an upset is likely to lie in the form of their Juventus old boys, Andreas Moller and Jürgen Kohler, who were both outstanding against United at Old Trafford a month ago.

Moller has been having a torrid time in Germany of late, assuming the mantle of the country's most spectacular acrobat from Klinsmann. "It is no fun watching this actor," Uli Hõness, the Bayern Munich general manager, said, "he's always crying." Lothar Matthäus, the Bayern veteran, also infuriated Moller by stroking his eyes and pretending to make tears run down his cheeks.

Tonight, though, Germany will be united in its support of Dortmund. The country gained the upper hand over Italy in European competition last week, when Schalke 04 broke the nerve of Internazionale in a penalty shootout to win the Uefa Cup.

With Moller's pedigree at spot kicks, Dortmund's best chance may be to try to emulate Ajax's achievement of last year and force Juventus into the lottery that follows extra time.

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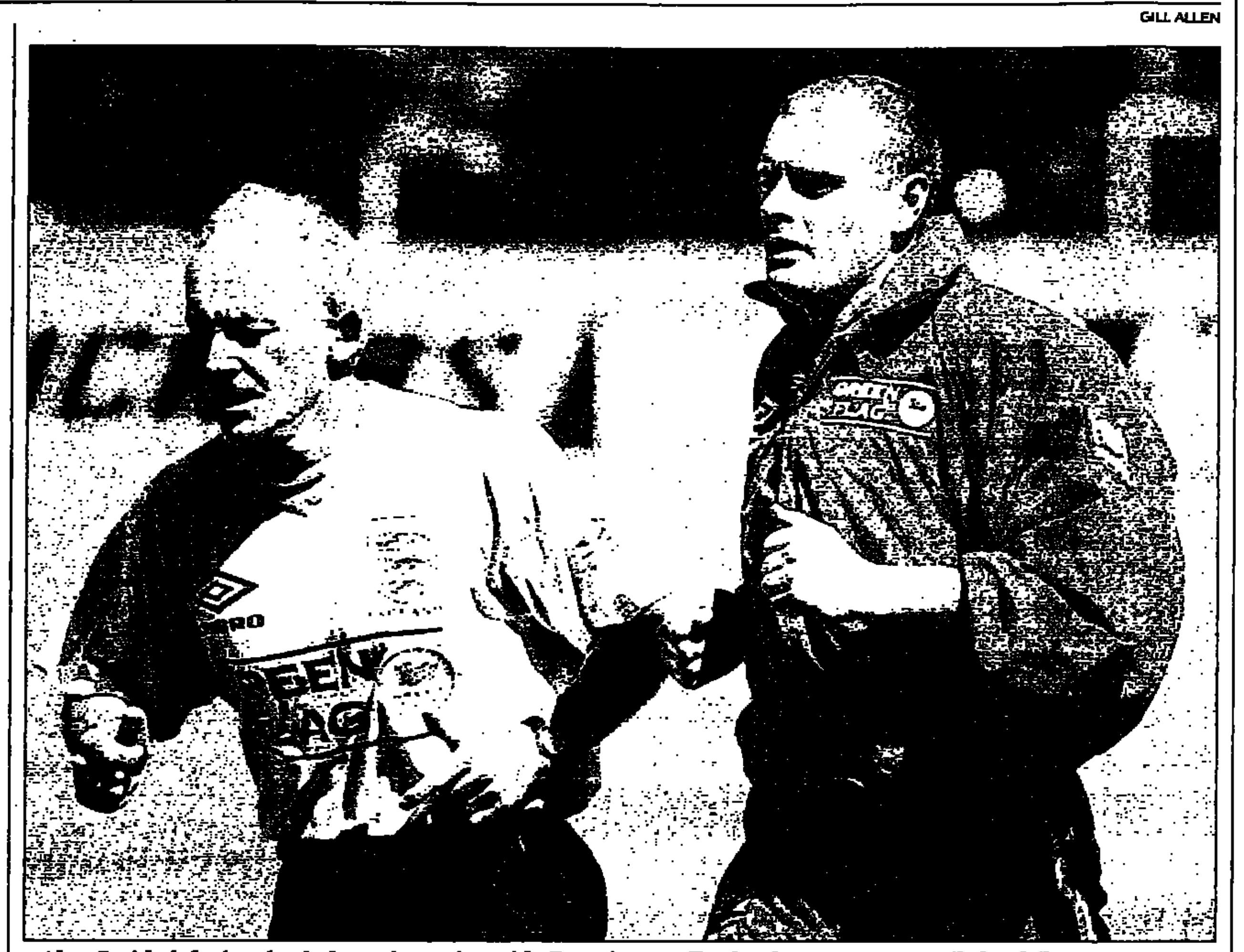

Alan Smith, left, the physiotherapist, trains with Gascoigne as England prepare to meet Poland. Report, page 52

Ince attracted by extra time in Italy

By Russell Kempson

PAUL INCE, the England and Internazionale midfield player, is likely to stay in Italy next season. He spoke with Massimo Moratti, the Inter president, at the weekend and was offered a two-year extension to his contract, which still has 12 months to run.

Ince, 29, will give Moratti his decision next week, before England begin their three-match series in the Tournoi de France by playing Italy in Nantes on Wednesday. It is expected to end speculation that he would return to the FA Carling Premiership during the summer.

"I've not yet given a definite reply but, at the moment, it looks more likely that I will stay put," Ince said yesterday. "If I had to make a prediction, I'd say there is a 70 per cent chance that I'll continue my career in Milan.

"When I spoke with the president, he offered me a two-year extension to my contract, which is a major show of faith on his part. I promised to give him a definite answer next Tuesday. My trip to England is to join up with the national squad, nothing else. I have no intention of looking for a buyer or meeting with other clubs."

Ince reported for England training yesterday with a slight knee injury but it is unlikely to prevent him from playing in the World Cup qualifying match against Poland in Chorzow on Saturday. He also dismissed reports that his wife, Claire, preferred a move back to England because of difficulties in finding a suitable school for their son, Thomas, five.

"We still have a few family problems to sort out, especially Thomas's schooling, but it's not true that Claire is unhappy or is urging us to return home," Ince said. "She realises how much Inter's fans love me — and I feel the same about them."

Chelsea are pursuing their initial interest in Bernard Lama, the France and Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper, and are hoping to negotiate a reduced fee because of his five-month suspension after testing positive for cannabis. "It's a factor that could bring down his price," Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, said yesterday.

Lama, 34, has to serve only two months of his sentence — three months were suspended — and would not be available to play until August, close to the start of the 1997-98 season. "I've got a year left on my contract but, if I get an offer from a big European club, I'll take it," Lama said.

A first-half goal from Dan Petrescu gave the FA Cup winners a 1-0 win over Thailand in Bangkok yesterday as they continued their tour of the Far East.

Reading, the Nationwide League first division club, are to ask permission from Wolverhampton Wanderers to approach Colin Lee, their assistant manager. If Lee leaves for Elm Park, where he was previously assistant to Mark McGhee for three years, he is expected to take with him Dave Merrington, the Wolves chief scout and a former Southampton manager.

Survivors united in wish to return to Munich

By Rob Hughes

THE 500 million people worldwide who will tune in to watch the European Cup final between Juventus and Borussia Dortmund in Munich tonight will see two old boys' reunions.

First, in strictly sporting terms, the Borussia Dortmund squad includes five players who formerly played for Juventus. The second reunion will touch far more of humanity: it will be the first time that the eight Manchester United players who survived the 1958 Munich air crash will have revisited the city or, indeed, the hospital that treated them, since the disaster that killed a further eight of their colleagues, among the 23 people who died.

Now aged between 58 and 65, the survivors are Jackie Blanchflower, Bill Foulkes, Sir Bobby Charlton, Harry Gregg, Kenny Morgans, Albert Scanlon, Dennis Viollet and Ray Wood.

Sir Bobby has put off a business trip to join his colleagues, Viollet has flown across the Atlantic from his home in Florida, and the fact that all eight players readily agreed to the reunion surprised even their hosts, the Mayor of Munich and Uefa, the governing body of football in Europe.

The idea came about with the possibility that Manchester United would reach this final, and the club had already sounded out the survivors before they were knocked out in the semi-finals, by Dortmund.

"They were so excited — not afraid or traumatised," Frits Ahlstrom, the media director of Uefa, said, "so we felt we should extend the invitation on our own account. The chief surgeon at Hospital Rechts der Isar, who treated Matt Busby and others, Professor Georg Maurer, has died, but the survivors will meet his assistant, Professor Hans Schafer."

Uefa, aware that the air crash of February 6, 1958, understandably leaves an immovable scar on the memories of the survivors, will make every effort to shield the VIP guests from intrusion once they are in the city, at the hospital, and finally at the European Cup final, which was the purpose for their travels through Munich in the first place.

Football administration with a human touch.

IN BRIEF

Scot unable to play in Hamburg

COLIN MONTGOMERIE, of Scotland, the European No 1 golfer, has withdrawn from the Tournament Players Championship, which is due to begin in Hamburg on Thursday, "for personal reasons". Montgomerie's withdrawal came less than 24 hours after he returned a 64, the best round of the Volvo PGA championship at Wentworth, to take fifth place in the event.

Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe Ryder Cup captain, will play in Hamburg, however, despite his withdrawal from the tournament at Wentworth after one round with a recurring back injury.

Rifle shooting: David Calvert, the RAF officer who won the Commonwealth Games gold medal for target rifle, lost the Irish Open championship, which he has held for the past five years, to Martin Millar, his Commonwealth Games partner, the winner of the 1994 Queen's Prize.

Athletics: Denise Lewis, the only female British athlete to win a medal at the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year, in the heptathlon, will begin her competitive season at the event in the Gotzis invitation combined events meeting in Austria on May 31 and June 1.

Motor sport: The Benetton team has confirmed that it will pull out of Formula One grand prix racing at the end of the season. Luciano Benetton, the group chairman, has reportedly put the team up for sale because of mounting costs.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

GLASGOW: World championships: Men: First round: K Han (US) bt O Pogratz (Ger) 15-10, 15-9; F Silva (Por) w/o P Gopichand (India) scr; J van Dijk (Holl) bt A Pohar (Slovakia) 15-10, 15-9; H Arbi (Indo) bt J Koch (Austria) 15-1, 15-6; Dong Jiong (China) bt Jang Chun Woong (S Kor) 15-6, 15-3; T Stuer-Laurdsen (Den) bt T Johansson (Swe) 15-13, 18-15; M Beres (Can) bt Chen Yu-Hsiu (Taiwan) 15-9, 15-13; Lin Liwen (China) bt M Korchouk (Bela) 15-5, 15-1. **Women: First round:** M Antochevskaya (Swe) bt C Giebbek (Holl) 11-3, 12-9; C Reid (Can) bt V Tchemiavskaya (Bul) 11-4, 11-2; Yao Yan (China) bt K Michalowsky (Ger) 11-1, 11-3; I Broopathy (Malaysia) bt K Rudolf (Pol) 11-1, 3-11, 11-2; Wang Chen (China) bt A Weckstrom (Fin) 11-3, 11-2; Ye Zhaoying (China) bt S Dimbour (Fr) 11-4, 11-2; L Cambell (Aus) bt K Morgan (Wales) 12-9, 5-11, 12-9; Cindana (Indo) bt Jeng Shwu-Jen (Taiwan) 8-11, 11-2, 11-5; A Sondegaard ((Den) bt Ling Wan Ting (HK) 12-11, 11-8; Dai Yun (China) bt G Martin (Scot) 11-4, 11-3; M Audina (Indo) bt N Pedersen (Den) 11-2, 8-11, 11-5; K Krasowska (Pol) bt Law Pei Pei (Malaysia) 3-11, 11-7, 11-1; P Plungwech (Thai) bt E Chalfin (Eng) 11-2, 11-0; Lee Joo Hyun (S Kor) bt B Breenhakker (Holl) 11-4, 11-4; Koon Wai Chee (HK) bt K Evernas (Swe) 11-8, 11-5

BALLROOM DANCING

BLACKPOOL: British Open championships: Pro Rising Stars Latin: 1, R Müller and O Müller-Omeltchenko (Ger); 2, P Siddall and Alexandra (US); 3, I Waite and I Haas (Eng); 4, M Lunn and J Baltzer (Eng); 5, C Danza and S Danza (It). Pro Rising Stars Modern: 1, M Georgianni and A Manfredini (It); 2, T Dokman and A Owen (Eng); 3, J Wilkins and K Demidova (US); 4, I Suvarov and I Suvarov (US); 5, S Kaiho and M Kaiho (Japan)

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 3 Milwaukee 2; Detroit 6 Anaheim 0; Baltimore 8 New York Yankees 6; Oakland 2 Kansas City 1 (in 11inns); Seattle 13 Minnesota 8; Cleveland 10 Chicago White Sox 4; Toronto 8 Texas 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 2 Pittsburgh 1; Colorado 9 St Louis 7; San Francisco 4 Houston 3; Cincinnati 8 Philadelphia 5 (first game); Cincinnati 8 Philadelphia 4 (second game); New York Mets 4 Montreal 3; Los Angeles 5 Florida 3; Atlanta 12 San Diego 5.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Finals: Miami 87 Chicago 80 (Chicago lead best-of-seven series 3-1)

BOWLS

BATH: City of Bath Open Tournament: Men: Singles: Second round: A Rees bt N Dawes 21-16; I Cummings bt C Coombe 21-9; K Fletcher bt B Eley 21-3; D Bishop bt D Johnson 21-20; J Doughty bt J Dellow 21-15; D Southcombe bt J Parker 21-8; H Lonmer bt A Mathias 21-6; D Parslow bt N Grenfell 21-12; R Wheeler bt R Austin 21-13; J Brett bt J Russell 21-15; R Gall bt I Bridges 21-6; D Lord bt K Hartley 21-18; W Alexander bt T Lewis 21-17; P Spice bt P Lucas 21-13; E J Hatherill bt G J Jones 21-13; J Cook bt R Tarrant 21-15; T McStravick bt M Talbot 21-15; M Mitchell bt A Philips 21-20; P Bennett bt D Marsh 21-18; Andy Colebrooke bt L Knocker 21-16; I Window bt J Winter 21-12; J Riddles bt B Peters 21-14; J Erskine bt R Stanford 21-13; G Moores bt J Terry 21-18; C Barton bt J Feltham 21-8; R Doughty bt B Ricards 21-12; G Hall bt A Doyle 21-5; M Linn bt C Doughty 21-6; J Barton bt J Hosey 21-19; P Provis bt D Shuchard 21-9; B Smith bt P Rod 21-6; G Allen bt M Green 21-8; J Bate bt D Jones 21-19; R Hennessy bt E Curtis 21-15; B Dolling bt D Porter 21-10; M Tibbs bt W Bristow 21-13; G Howes bt M Curran 21-5; R Francis bt R Hayward 21-12; M Carr bt D Squires 21-17; R Collier bt P Cale 21-18; J Bibby bt J Lewis 21-16; C Bartlett bt R Crouch 21-13; G Colebrooke bt J Stewart 21-16; L Perkins bt J Witherow 21-16; J Squires bt A Watts 21-19; P Moody bt J Risdale 21-16; B Godwin bt P Bainton 21-14; M Maslen bt D Godwin 21-16; J Browning bt R Pugh 21-15; J Clark bt A Harris 21-20; D Bevan bt T Russell 21-7; D Gee bt F Smith 21-6; J Perry bt Alan Colebrooke 21-11; J Chilvers bt I Francis 21-16; F Johnson bt M Harding 21-10; J Hick bt M Gill 21-9; A Jackson bt J Withers 21-6; D Turner bt W Ellison 21-9; R Turvey bt C Pilsbury 21-13; M Prosser bt M Sawyers 21-13; J Hobday bt P Carr 21-2.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP (final day of four): Bridgetown: Barbados 258 and 180 (P A Wallace 53; C A Walsh 6-39), Jamaica 282 and 157-2 (R G Samuels 90 not out, J C Adams 50 not out). Jamaica beat Barbados by eight wickets. St George's, Grenada: Windward Islands 446 and 177-9 dec (J A R Sylvester 54; R D King 5-43, M V Nagamootoo 4-67); Guyana 315 and 125-8 (M Morgan 3-42). Guyana drew with Windward Islands

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Sidmouth: Devon 210 and 236-9 (A J Pugh 87, N A Folland 69, S R Berwick 4-66) Wales 180-7 and 268-7 (P D North 55). Wales (21 pts) bt Devon (6pts) by 3 wkts. Sherborne School: Dorset 105 and 90 (N V Radford 6-50, K E Cooper 4-33) Herefordshire 227-4. Herefordshire (24pts) bt Dorset (1pt) by an innings and 32 runs. Askam: Cumberland 194-8 and 215-8 (I J Fantham 4-65) Bedfordshire 178-8 and 229-7 (A J Trott 54, W Larkins 52). Cumberland (4pts) drew with Bedfordshire (5pts). Sleaford: Hertfordshire 276-2 and 305-5 (S March 80, M C G Wright 53 not out, M James 50) Lincolnshire 231-1 and 171-4 (M R Gouldstone 68 not out). Lincolnshire (4pts) drew with Hertfordshire (4pts). Challow and Childrey: Berkshire 200-6 and 174 (K A Arnold 5-68) Oxfordshire 201-6 and 152 (B C A Ellison 52, N M Kendrick 5-60). Berkshire (19pts) bt Oxfordshire (3pts) by 21 runs.

THE PARKS (first day of three): Oxford University 203 (J Avens 63, A Mackay 5-41). MCC: 96-6 (Avens 4-27)

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

SPANISH LEAGUE: Valencia 1 Real Betis 1

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Sporting 0 Amadora 0

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship. Final stage: Corinthians 4 Santos 3, Palmeiras 1 São Paulo 4. Rio de Janeiro championship: Third stage: Fluminense 1 Americano 1, Bangu 0 Flamengo 1, Botafogo 0 Vasco da Gama 2

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Newell's Old Boys 1 Lanus 0; Gimnasia-La Plata 3 Gimnasia-Jujuy 2; Union 3 Rosario Central 2; Velez Sarsfield 1 Colon 1; Deportivo Español 0 Racing Club 2; Independiente 2 Estudiantes 0; Banfield 2 Platense 2; Huracan 1 Boca Juniors 1; Ferrocarril Oeste 0 San Lorenzo 0; River Plate 3 Huracan de Corrientes 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL) Stanley Cup: Western Conference: Finals: Detroit 3 Colorado 1 (Detroit win series 4-2).

MOTOR RACING

OULTON PARK: Auto Trader RAC touring car championship: Round nine (30 laps): 1, A Menu (Switz, Renault Laguna) 33min 18.677sec (av speed 89.37mph); 2, J Plato (GB, Renault Laguna) at 2.655sec; 3, F Biela (Ger, Audi A4 Quattro) 5.986; 4, J Bintcliffe (GB, Audi A4 Quattro) 12.138; 5, J Cleland (GB, Vauxhall Vectra) 18.441; 6, R Rydell (Swe, Volvo S40) 18.741; 7, A Reid (GB, Nissan Primera) 19.063; 8, P Radisich (NZ, Ford Mondeo) 20.156; 9, K Burt (GB, Volvo S40) 20.915; 10, D Leslie (GB, Nissan Primera) 21.303. Fastest lap: Menu 59.615sec (av speed 99.88mph). Round ten (27 laps): 1, Menu 27:25.407 (av speed 97.70mph); 2, J Thompson (GB, Honda Accord) 6.164; 3, Rydell 8.180; 4, Plato 14.372; 5, Bintcliffe 21.402; 6, Leslie 27.493; 7, Radisich 30.269; 8, T Harvey (GB, Peugeot 406) 45.942; 9, L Brookes (GB, Peugeot 406) 1lap; 10, C Galle (GB, BMW 320i) same lap. Fastest lap: Menu 59.668sec (av speed: 99.79mph). Championship positions: Drivers: 1, Menu 139pts; 2, Rydell 67; 3, Plato 66; 4, G Tarquini (It, Honda Accord) 63; 5, Thompson 51; 6, Leslie 48. Manufacturers: 1, Renault 135; 2, Honda 96; 3, Volvo 93; 4, Audi 74; 5, Nissan 71; 6, Vauxhall 49

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Oldham Bears 19 Salford Reds 10; Paris 16 Saint-Germain London Broncos 20; St Helens 12 Wigan Warriors 65

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Fifth leg (Cape Town to Boston). Leading positions (at 13:56 GMT yesterday, with miles to Boston): 1, Group 4 2,195; 2, Save The Children 2,272; 3, Concert 2,320; 4, Global Teamwork 2,326; 5, Toshiba Wave Warrior 2,351; 6, Commercial Union 2,352; 7, Motorola 2,358; 8, Courtaulds International 2,415; 9, Pause To Remember 2,448; 10, Heath Insured II 2,544; 11, Nuclear Electric 2,583; 12, Ocean Rover 2,600; 13, 3Com 2,671; 14, Time & Tide 2,737

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Peterborough 53 Belle Vue 37; Swindon 54 Eastbourne 36; Wolverhampton 56 Poole 33.

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Newcastle 48 Glasgow 42; Coventry 44 Bradford 46; Skegness 34 Oxford 55

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Ryde (IoW) 49 Oxford 28

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open

MEN: Singles: First round: M Rosset (Switz) bt D Hrbaty (Slovakia) 7-5, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; T Muster (Austria) bt M Göllner (Ger) 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; J-A Viloca (Sp) bt C Ruud (Nor) 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, 4-1 ret; C Moya (Sp) bt A Martin (Sp) 6-3, 6-7, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; H Arazi (Mor) bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; C Woodruff (US) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; D Norman (Bel) bt S Sargsian (Arm) 6-2, 7-5, 6-3; M Rios (Chile) bt W Black (Zim) 6-4, 5-7, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt N Kulti (Swe) 6-2, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt K Carlsen (Den) 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; N Lapentti (Ecu) bt F Fetterlein (Den) 6-4, 6-1, 6-2; O Delaitre (Fr) bt T Henman (GB) 6-2, 2-6, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; M Larsson (Swe) bt J Courier (US) 6-1, 6-2, 4-6, 1-6, 6-4; A Volkov (Russ) bt D Nestor (Can) 6-1, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; M Ondruska (SA) bt M Pastura (Arg) 7-6, 6-2, 6-1; S Stolle (Aus) bt R Furlan (It) 7-5, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; S Simian (Fr) bt G Schaller (Austria) 2-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; J Golmard (Fr) bt A Clement (Fr) 6-1, 6-2, 6-3; A Boetsch (Fr) bt K Kucera (Slovakia) 6-1, 6-1, 6-4; B Ulihrach (Cz) bt N Kiefer (Ger) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; D van Scheppingen (Holl) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; J Krocsko (Hun) bt J Krostak (Slovakia) 7-5, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; B Black (Zim) bt F Squillari (Arg) 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt J van Herck (Bel) 6-3, 0-6, 6-2, 6-0; F Mantilla (Sp) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; G Blanco (Sp) bt N Godwin (SA) 6-3, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5; A Pavel (Rom) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-4, 7-5, 6-0; A Costa (Sp) bt A Voinea (Rom) 6-4, 7-5, 6-4; C Costa (Sp) bt D Flach (US) 6-4, 6-0, 6-1; M Chang (US) bt R Gilbert (Fr) 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3; R Krajicek (Holl) bt S Draper (Aus) 7-6, 6-2, 6-1

WOMEN: Singles: First round: R Dragomir (Rom) bt S Jeyaseelan (Can) 6-3, 6-2; D van Roost (Bel) bt B Rittner (Ger) 3-0 ret; I Spirlea (Rom) bt J Lee (US) 6-1, 6-0; S Graf (Ger) bt P Suarez (Arg) 6-1, 6-4; V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) bt A Montolio (Sp) 6-0, 6-0; N Tauziat (Fr) bt R Simpson (Can) 6-3, 6-2; B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt L Cenkova (Cz) 6-3, 7-5; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt L Nemeckova (Cz) 6-4, 6-3; K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt O Barabanschikova (Bela) 6-2, 6-3; Y Yoshida (Japan) bt R McQuillan (Aus) 6-2, 6-4; L Ghirardi-Rubbi (Fr) bt M Oremans (Holl) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; A Sugiyama (Japan) bt E Wagner (Ger) 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; E Makarova (Russ) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-4, 6-2; M J Fernandez (US) bt L McNeil (US) 6-2, 6-3; J Kandarr (Ger) bt G L Garcia (Sp) 7-6, 6-3; Y Yoshida (Japan) bt R McQuillan (Aus) 6-2, 6-4; S Farina (It) bt J Wiesner (Austria) 6-2, 1-6, 6-0; S Cecchini (It) bt M Endo (Japan) 7-6, 7-6; A Grossman (US) bt A Gersi (Cz) 6-3, 6-0; J Novotna (Cz) bt C Torrens-Valero (Sp) 6-3, 6-2; L Neiland (Lat) bt A-G Sidot (Fr) 6-2, 7-5; F Perfetti (It) bt N Miyagi (Japan) 7-6, 2-6, 6-0; A Mauresmo (Fr) bt J Watanabe (US) 6-3, 6-4; M Hingis (Switz) bt H Nagyova (Slovakia) 6-0, 6-2; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt K Jagieniak (Fr) 6-0, 6-2; S Pitkowski (Fr) bt F Lubiani (It) 7-6, 6-2; F Labat (Arg) bt F Boogert (Holl) 7-5, 6-0; S Testud (Fr) bt Sung Hee Park (S Kor) 6-0, 6-4; N Zvereva (Bela) bt M Tu (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4

NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE: Premier division: Men: A: MacKintosh 5 Edgbaston Priory 1, David Lloyd Heston 1 Bambury West End 5, St George's Hill 1 David Lloyd Raynes Park 5, David Lloyd Heston 0 St George's Hill 6, David Lloyd Raynes Park 4 Edgbaston Priory 2, MacKintosh 2 Bambury West End 4. **Women.** A: Bramhall Park 2 Holcombe Brook 4, Edgbaston Priory 6 Clearview 0, Gosling 1 Newmarket 5, Newmarket 5 Holcombe Brook 1, Clearview 5 Bramhall Park 1

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45

YALE

(c) A fabulous beast with horns and tusks, perhaps inspired by the two-horned rhinoceros. From Pliny's *ealē* in his *Natural History*. "The jail or yale is a rare and strange animal partaking of the nature of the heraldic antelope, that is to say, wearing horns and a large pair of projecting tusks: and he is silver bezanty, that is, white with yellow spots."

VILL

(c) A *territorial* unit or division under the feudal system, consisting of a number of houses or buildings with their adjacent lands, more or less contiguous and having a common organisation.

WOUGH

(b) The bark of a dog or other such animal that barks. A variant of *wuff*, both of them onomatopoeic and echoic. "Little squirrels have quite a large vocabulary, a bark or wough when suddenly alarmed."

YUFFROUW

(b) A young lady or gel. An attempt to say the early modern Dutch *jongvrouw*. Dryden, 1673: "And it may be then in stead of kissing, desir'd yuffrouw to hold his head."

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CORRECT SCORE

5/1 JUVENTUS 1-0
7/1 JUVENTUS 2-0
16/1 JUVENTUS 3-1
11/2 DRAW 0-0
5/1 DRAW 1-1
7/1 B. DORTMUND 1-0
12/1 B. DORTMUND 2-1
40/1 B. DORTMUND 3-1

Other scores on request. Extra time does not count.

FIRST GOALSCORER

5/1 VIERI (J)
7/1 CHAPUISAT (B)
10/1 MOLLER (B)
12/1 ZIDANE (J)
14/1 JUGOVIC (J)
14/1 SAMMER (B)
20/1 DESCHAMPS (J)
40/1 REUTER (B)

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RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND'S NO 10 SEEKS REVERSAL OF FORTUNES WITH BRITISH LIONS

Grayson renews familiar rivalry

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN EAST LONDON

Austin Healey, the scrum half, evades Gibbs as the Lions train yesterday. Photograph: Dave Rogers / Allsport

THE past three months have provided Paul Grayson with a series of injuries and missed opportunities that, for a player who has still to offer overwhelming evidence of his credentials at the highest level, have been frustrating in the extreme. Yet he has little chance of feeling his way back, not amid the public glare surrounding the British Isles, who play their second match, against Border, at the Basil Kenyon Stadium here today.

Moreover, Grayson, the Northampton stand-off half, is involved in a direct confrontation with his club colleague, Gregor Townsend, in the battle to wear the No 10 jersey for the Lions in the series with South Africa. At Franklin's Gardens, the presence of two international stand-offs, those of England and Scotland, can be glossed over in the broader interests of the club, but here a choice must be made.

Townsend, ball in hand, is the kind of stand-off that centres love, because he can create space and keep marauding flankers in check: he can also be the kind of stand-off forwards hate, because of the inaccuracy of his kicking. Grayson's kicking is far more dependable, but now that he has his chance to show he can run a game with flair and vision, he would probably have preferred a couple of warm-up games and a firmer surface than the rain-drenched one that Border headquarters will provide.

A hip injury caused Grayson to miss the last two months of the domestic season and, having recovered, he then strained a thigh, which initially provoked thoughts that he would miss the Lions tour altogether. A strict recovery regime has paid dividends, however.

"I have done a lot of work, with and without the ball, and I can't wait to pull the Lions jersey on," he said yesterday after a training session that confirmed Tim Rodber, who has a cut eye, would not be in the squad. Simon Shaw joins the replacements.

Grayson acknowledged the competition with Townsend, who missed training with a bruised shoulder. "He and I both know we are competing for the same slot, so each of us goes out to play our best and hope that will earn the Test place," he said. His centres will hope that his best is good enough, since the Wales pairing of Scott Gibbs and Allan Bateman might have been perceived worthy of the international series before the tour began. Now gauntlets have been flung down by the performances of the two Englishmen, Jerry Guscott and Will Greenwood, against the Eastern Province XV in Port Elizabeth last weekend.

Nevertheless, today's game can only offer a modest form guide. Their is no disguising the fact that Border are at a low ebb: even though they contested the final of the Nite Series against Free State last season, they finished seventh of ten teams this season and suffered a 40-point beating by Western Province in their last outing. They have not played together for a month, which has at least given them a chance to regroup.

BORDER: R Bennett; K Hilton-Green, G Hechter, K Mololans, A Claasen; G Miller, J Bradbrook; H Cok, R van Zyl, D du Preez, M Swart, S Botha, J Gehring, A Botha, A Fox.

BRITISH ISLES XV: T Stimpson (Newcastle and England); J Bentley (Newcastle and England), A Bateman (Richmond and Wales), S Gibbs (Swansea and Wales), T Underwood (Newcastle and England); P Grayson (Northampton and England), A Healey (Leicester and England); G Rowntree (Leicester and England), M Regan (Bristol and England), D Young (Cardiff and Wales), R Wainwright (Watsonians and Scotland), G Weir (Newcastle and Scotland), J Davidson (London Irish and Ireland), N Back (Leicester and England), E Miller (Leicester and Ireland).

Referee: A Burger (Gauteng).

Argentina wary of losing amateur ethos

FROM MARK SOUSTER
IN BUENOS AIRES

IN THIS exciting but still unsettled period for professional rugby, Argentina's place in the new order is an anachronism. The country's governing body is still reluctant to endorse professionalism, partly through a desire to maintain the amateur ethos, but partly through a sense of realism. This football-dominated country could not begin to support a professional game.

The union is caught between the need to maintain a profile on the world stage, hence a ready acceptance of invitations to tour overseas — Argentina are playing 13 internationals this year — and the unrealistic demands this places on a squad of about 25 players, the majority of whom balance work with playing and accept the situation, albeit reluctantly.

Others, like Frederico Méndez and German Llanes, have gone to England and more will follow. Augustin Pichot and Rolando Martin are joining Richmond, Grau and Reggiardo play in South Africa, while Noriega has thrown in his lot with Australia.

The union is beginning to take positive steps to stop the drain, or at least to make life a little easier for the players. As part of a new marketing strategy, it has signed sponsorship deals with eight multinational companies, among them Heineken, Visa and Schweppes, but in all this amounts to an income of less than $1,000,000 a year.

However, it has enabled the union to set up a scholarship scheme for students, provide medical insurance and to increase daily allowances. Players on international duty at home receive $30, while those on overseas tours will get between $70 and $100 a day; payment for playing is still an anathema. It is, however, as Frankie Deges, a union spokesman said, at least a start.

He has noticed a greater awareness by players of their responsibilities, particularly by those playing abroad for a living, an attitude which is beginning to rub off on others. The influence of Alex Wyllie, the former All Black, as technical director, a position he holds until the next World Cup, also cannot be underestimated.

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SAILING

Goacher masters the wind

BY EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE GOACHER'S extraordinary run of success in the relatively unfashionable National Sonata class continued yesterday when he sealed his sixth triumph in a row in the Rover Series, at Tarbert, on Loch Fyne.

Goacher, sailing *Eric The Boat* with Andy Laurie, Colin Holden and Hugh Haynes, put together one of the most impressive sequences at the regatta, which was dominated by light and unpredictable winds that often turned races inside out.

Goacher proved that yacht racing in such conditions is more than a matter of luck by scoring four wins, including the Gourrock feeder race, two seconds and a third place, which he was able to discard. He finished on eight points, 13 ahead of his nearest pursuer, David Tunnicliffe, on *Jennyanydots*. Peter Haworth, on *Moonlight*, was third overall.

Goacher, who now prepares to defend his world title in the Flying Fifteen class at Cowes later this summer, said: "It was pretty shifty on our course, but it's not really a lottery. It's a question of keeping your eyes open and trying to work out what's coming next."

Among the other overall winners was Dave Hall, on *Raw Hyde*, in the Glenfiddich Melges 24 class, who managed to get through the series without any serious disasters and finished with a consistent set of results, including three wins.

In the last race yesterday, when upwind legs became downwind once the sea breeze was felt, Hall was the only skipper in the fleet to sail the correct course, crossing the line in third place on the water but getting the only gun.

Second overall was Kim Slater, on *Cattle Truck*, who went the wrong way twice during the series, with Dave Johnson, on *Glenfiddich*, finishing third.

TELEVISION CHOICE

You are feeling sleepy . . .

The Chair
BBC2, 7.10pm

Paul McKenna, the television hypnotist, has clearly not met an interrogator like Oliver James before. He deals crisply and confidently enough with James's opening questions, as he recalls a generous father, an authoritarian mother and a Catholic upbringing which he largely hated. It is when James moves on to puberty and asks McKenna about his first sexual experience that McKenna starts to look thrown, as anybody would when asked to divulge intimate details in front of a television camera. Gosh, says McKenna, playing for time, this is not the sort of thing he gets asked by Richard and Judy; but McKenna is too polished a performer to be fazed for long. All but the determinedly prurient may feel that the most revealing exchanges are about hypnotism and McKenna's claims for it.

Firefighters
BBC1, 8.15pm

As if 999, Blues and Twos and what seems like countless other documentaries about the emergency services had not sated the appetite, here comes yet another. The series is based on two fire stations on Merseyside, from which Red Watch and White Watch deal with thousands of emergency calls each year in a densely populated inner city area. The treatment is not strictly fly on the wall, for the men (there are no women) talk directly to the camera and there is a commentary, but the most potent footage is the least posed, as fire engines roar through the night and the firefighters take a plunge into the unknown. It might be a life-threatening blaze, or a hoax, and there is the danger of colliding with another vehicle on the way. All these scenarios feature tonight, crisply intercut and holding the attention to the last.

Merseyside's firefighters (BBC1, 8.15pm)

Reputations: Bertrand Russell
BBC2, 9.00pm

The theme of this two-part profile by Denys Blakeway is of a man trying to find a certainty in his work that was absent in his chaotic personal life. Bertrand Russell may have been born into the British aristocracy, but he lost both parents when little more than a baby and was brought up by a grandmother in an atmosphere of heavy Victorian puritanism. Immersion in mathematics and logic gave the lonely and introverted young man a rock to cling to and provided a refuge from domestic turmoil. Being more colourful, and easier to handle, the failed marriages and the many affairs tend to edge out consideration of Russell the mould-breaking philosopher. This is a personal rather than a professional appraisal, helped along by contributions from three of Russell's children.

Backup
BBC1, 9.30pm

There are so many police shows on the box that they can easily get confused, but this is the one about the rapid response team with silly nicknames who ride around together in a white van. For the new series, Fluh, Thug, Token and the rest are augmented by a new recruit, PC Reaper, who becomes known, wait for it, as Grim. However, it is Dippy (Katrina Levon), the team's sole but by no means token woman, who takes centre stage. Dippy seems destined to be unlucky with men. No wonder she has such a stony face. Last time, she had an affair with Token, got pregnant and lost the baby. This time, she is soon dashing into bed with a handsome young farmer, only to discover that he could be a paedophile. Roy Mitchell provides an energetic and well-crafted script in which the fate of poor "Dippy" is by no means the only point of interest.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

The Sexton's Tales
Radio 2, 10.00pm

Start of the third series of this splendid and, in some ways, unlikely success. By no means the least of its virtues is the performance of George Cole as the sexton of Highgate cemetery, but credit, too, for the writing of Emlyn Harris. The format, which involves actors playing out scenes from the subject's life, a narration by Cole and a music score, works extremely well. The subject for this opener in the five-part series is Max Wall, the comedian who first went on stage as a boy and who graduated to straight stand-up routines via success as a comedy dance act: by his teenage years he was a regular in the West End. Wall was to work all over the world, but British audiences took to him most warmly.

Cocktails
Radio 3, 7.00pm

What with Max Wall and this, the highlights today must seem to be rooted in the past. *Cocktails* is back for another series and it is a distinctly odd kind, for, although it features dance band music from the era between 1920 and the late 1940s, the quality of the musicians is such that there is nothing remotely quaint or old-fashioned about it. Tonight, for example, the players include the Savoy Orpheans, a hotel dance orchestra with a near-legendary status among musicians. Talking of legends, there is music from Duke Ellington and the Harlem Footwarmers and, if you should hear tap dancing [illegible], that is Fred Astaire. As for the audience, any foot that is not tapping must be nailed to the floor.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe and Boy Lard 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening [illegible] Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 *Mary Anne Hobbs* 1.00am Claire Sturgess 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Diane Louise Jordan 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Nick Barraclough 8.00 Folk on Two 9.00 Bright Young Things 9.30 Speaking Volumes 10.00 The Sexton's Tales. See Choice 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Jon Briggs 3.00 Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00pm Midday with Mair 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.20 Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Live commentary on the European Cup Final: Borussia Dortmund v Juventus. Including at 8.10 the *National Lottery result 10.00 Dominik Diamond* 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours with *Times* columnist John Diamond 2.00am Up *All Night* with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe Today [illegible] The World Today 7.45 Sports International [illegible] 8.30 Meridian Live 9.10 Pause for Thought [illegible] 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Farming World 10.30 Science File 10.45 Sport 11.30 One Planet [illegible] International 1.00 News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Wildtrack 1.30 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.05 Sport 4.15 Performance 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 The Works 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 9.00 Newsdesk 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 On Screen 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Omnibus 3.30 Meridian Books 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 The Hall of Fame Hour 10.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic Newsnight 7.30 Sonata 8.00 Evening Concert: Hamish McCunn (Overture, *Land of the Mountain and the Flood*); D'Indy (Symphony on a French Mountain Song); Smetana (Vltava from *Ma Vlast*); Schumann (Symphony No 3 in Eb) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air,** with Penny Gore. Includes Brahms (Variations on a Theme by Haydn, St Antoni Chorale); Francois Couperin (Troisième leçon de tenebre); Beethoven, transcr Liszt (Symphony No 6 in F, *Pastoral, 1st mvt*); Boyce (Trio Sonata No 8 in E flat)
9.00 **Morning Collection,** with Catriona Young. Includes Mendelssohn (Overture, The Fair Melusine); Mozart (Piano Sonata in B flat, K281); Strauss (Liebeshymnus; Nachtgang; Waldseligkeit)
10.00 **Musical Encounters,** with Mark Rowlinson. Includes Rodrigo (Concierto de Aranjuez); Liszt (Reminiscences of Don Juan); Prokofiev (Peter and the Wolf)
12.00 **Composer of the Week: Korngold**
1.00pm **News; Birmingham Lunchtime Concert.** A *recital given last week in Studio 1 by the Marais* Ensemble. Mozart (Quintet in E flat for piano and wind, K452); Maw (Chamber Music)
2.00 **Midweek Choice,** with Susan Sharpe. Includes *Bach (Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV548,* Wedge); Purcell (Incidental Music: Timon of Athens); Poulenc (Concerto for Two Pianos)
4.00 **Choral Evensong.** From the Monastery of San Gregorio al Celio in Rome. A service to mark the 1,400th anniversary of St Augustine's mission to England, with the choir of Canterbury Cathedral. Master of choristers David Flood, assistant organist Timothy Noon
5.00 **The Music Machine.** The young composer Andrew Higgs has written a piece for oboe, viola, trombone, harp and percussion. Verity Sharp follows his progress
5.15 **In Tune,** with *Andrew Green.* Includes Mendelssohn (Song Without Words in A minor, Op 53 No 5); Fauré (Sicilienne, Suite: Pelleas and Melisande)
6.00 **Rush Hour Concert.** *The first of a new series of* eight concerts live from the Wigmore Hall, London. *Parisii Quartet, Bernard d'Ascoli*, piano. Chopin (Polonaise in C minor, Op 40 No 2; Nocturne in G minor, Op 37 No 1; Scherzo No 2 in B flat minor, Op 31); Schumann (Piano Quintet in E flat, Op 44)
7.00 **Cocktails.** See Choice
7.30 **From Turner Sims:** Last of a series of concerts from Southampton. Maggini Quartet and Coull Quartet. Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 33 No 4); Mozart (*String Quartet in C, K465,* Dissonance); 8.20 The Music. *Sidonie Kleist* by *James Hamilton-Paterson 8.40* Concert, part 2: Mendelssohn (String Octet in E flat, Op 20)
9.20 **Bruce Chatwin:** On the Black Hill. A short story read by Anthony Hyde (3/5)
9.40 **Ariel, Who Sees Thee Now?** John Harle talks to Philip Pickett about Shakespeare songs, performed by the Musicians of the Globe Theatre
10.00 **Ensemble.** Penny Gore introduces a performance of Schubert's last piano sonata in B flat, D960, given by Bernard Roberts
10.45 **Night Waves.** Michèle Roberts's guests include *the medical historian Sherwin Nuland who talks* about his new book, *Wisdom of the Body*. Plus *news from the first night of Biyi Bandele's* adaptation of Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* at the West Yorkshire Playhouse
11.30 **Composer of the Week: Handel** (r)
12.30am ***Jazz Notes.*** Campbell Burnap presents the first of two parts of the Clark Tracey *Quintet's set* at the 1997 EBU Jazz Festival in Helsinki
1.00 **Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am **Shipping Forecast (LW)** 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 Speak After the Beep 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Vice or Virtue.** Mark Lawson, Ann Leslie, Jonathon Porritt, Paul Vallely and A.N. Wilson *re-examine traditional vices or virtues* in their modern guise
10.00 **News; Survivors:** ***Eric's Story*** **(FM).** Eric Reeves talks about the organisation he leads in Washington DC which works with young people to improve their lives (6/6)
10.00 **Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)**
10.30 **Woman's Hour,** with *Jenni Murray*
11.30 **Gardeners' Question Time.** Eric Robson is in *the chair,* with panelists Nigel Colborn, Bob Flowerdew and Geoffrey Smith (r)
12.00 **News; You and Yours,** with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm **The Oldest Member.** Maurice Denham stars in the fourth in a series of stories by P.G. Wodehouse. With Gordon Kane and *Jonathan Tafler* 12.55 Weather
1.00 ***The World*** **at One,** with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Walking the Plank of Love,** by Nick Pullen. A young man dreams of writing a romantic blockbuster. With David Thorpe, Carolyn Backhouse *and June Barrie*
2.45 **Treasure Islands.** The author and illustrator Quentin *Blake* gives a masterclass to students at the Royal College of Art
3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift.** Includes the final *Parliamentary Portrait* from [illegible]
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.** Paul Gambaccini talks to Tim Roth about his new film Gridlock'd, starring the rapper Tupac Shakur, who was *murdered soon after* it was completed
4.45 **Short Story: McIver in Bombay,** by Tracy Lloyd. Read by Lyndam *Gregory (r)*
5.00 **PM** with Jeremy Vine and Nigel Wrench **5.50** Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of Britain** (r)
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **Face the Facts,** with John Waite and his *team of* investigators
7.45 **20/20** ***A View of the Century.*** *Michael Ignatieff* looks at this century's achievements in education and *investigates the* battle over who is to learn and what is to be learnt
8.30 **Your Place or Mine?** Eight documentaries made through collaborations between *programme-makers* from four countries. A tale from the state of Victoria in Australia *about the Miscellaneous* Workers' Union which is offering membership to *prostitutes*
9.00 **Eureka.** In the second programme of the series, Barbara Myers talks to the American palaeontologist Dr Donald Johanson, whose discovery of one of man's ancestors has radically changed *conventional* ideas about the origins of the human race
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Jeremy Harris
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: A Month in the Country,** by J.L. Carr. Read by Samuel West (3/5)(r)
11.00 **Elvis 2 Oasis.** This week's guests are Patrick Barlow, Maria McErlane and Richard Webb
11.30 **Kathmandu or Bust.** The final part of David Napthine and Mike Yeoman's comedy starring Michelle Chadwick (r)
12.00 **News 12.30am The Late Book: A White Mare with Fins,** by James Hawes [illegible]
12.48 **Shipping Forecast 1.00am As World Service**

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Abuse and disfigurement are difficult to face

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Some years ago, when I was recuperating from a nasty bout of something serious and almost certainly psychosomatic, my younger sister was dispatched to find something to cheer me up. She arrived back clutching flowers and a rented videotape. "What is it?", I asked feebly from my shaded day-bed. "Oh, just something I thought you'd enjoy," she replied, exiting the room at a speed which, with hindsight, should have triggered a note of alarm. I pressed "play". It was David Lynch's *The Elephant Man*. Very droll.

But last night, the discomfort born of chronic hypochondria (a common genetic disorder carried solely in the male chromosome) paled into shaming insignificance. In **QED: The True Story of the Elephant Man** (BBC1), we met the American doctor who had helped to organise a charity showing of the film for the Neurofibromatosis Foundation and only realised what he had done as he watched the cinema foyer fill up with patients suffering from this potentially disfiguring condition. "I knew the story of the elephant man was not going to be a easy one for them to face."

Almost impossible in some cases. Sue Fildes, who has NF, failed to get past the opening bullying scene three times. It reminded her of the playground taunts that had made her own childhood so difficult... and that was before "elephant man" entered the lexicon of hurled abuse.

These were among the most powerful moments in the film by Emma Walker and John Hayes-Fisher, but even with them on board it was not a wholly convincing piece of work, never quite working out from which angle the by now familiar story of Joseph Merrick should be retold. Should it be scientific, as the introduction promised? Should it be anecdotal, as our meeting with a modern Jon Merrick (his great-grandfather was Joseph Merrick's cousin) suggested? Or how about historical? Or moral even? Aware that none of these viewpoints would fill the allotted 50 minutes by itself, the producers embraced them all and came up with something distinctly on the bitty side.

Nor did they ever quite resolve the central problem in any retelling of Merrick's miserable story to a modern audience that knows "it's rude to stare". Look away completely and you miss the enduring fascination of the story. Linger too long and we're back to the days of the freak show. Walker and Hayes-Fisher opted for a middle course, offering brief and incomplete glimpses of photographs of the never-before-shown-on-television variety, but categorically drawing the line at showing us a contemporary patient suffering from Proteus syndrome, which has replaced NF as the accepted diagnosis of Merrick's wretched condition. I suspect their decision was right, but it added to my growing feeling that what we were watching was neither the true story, nor a particularly complete one. Still, it was television that made you think, and for that we must always be grateful.

By contrast, **The Death of Childhood** (Channel 4) was television that made me angry. Unlike his BBC counterparts, Tim Tate, the producer, knew exactly what he wanted to say. The accepted wisdom that the sexual abuse of children is something largely invented by interfering social workers was wrong. 100 per cent incorrect. His contention was that notorious incidents such as Cleveland, where 121 children were taken into care, were indeed evidence of widescale sexual abuse.

Fine, I thought, nothing wrong with a provocatively contrarian standpoint as a programme-making device (after all, it has a long-established tradition as a newspaper column-writing device), so go on, convince me. It was here we parted company. For rather than persuading with considered evidence and balanced debate, Tate opted for the hit-'em-over-the-head approach. On and on went Olivia O'Leary's hectoring narration and on and on went the three professional women convinced that they are as right today as they were ten years ago. I hate programmes like this.

Given the complete absence of any evidence to the contrary (indeed a postscript almost boasted about those who had understandably refused to take part), it was no surprise when I found myself conceding that Tate might have a point.

Perhaps the police surgeon had been hasty in flatly rejecting the reflex anal dilatation test employed by Dr Marietta Higgs. No doubt, as relations between the police and Cleveland social services broke down, cases of genuine abuse were missed. And no doubt, Stuart Bell, MP, was too quick in jumping on headline-hitting, vote-winning bandwagons. And if all that sounds familiar, that's because they are exactly the same conclusions — as the programme admitted — as the Butler-Sloss inquiry came to all those years ago. Was this really progress and, while we're asking questions, what was Channel 4 doing returning to a subject that Leanne Klein's more balanced film for *Witness* covered just two months ago?

The rest of the evening passed in a blur of animal welfare. Carla Lane, comedy writer and offerer of sanctuary to anything clad in fur or feathers (as long as they are its own) disagreed divertingly with her hunting-shooting-fishing Sussex neighbour in **Home Ground** (BBC2), while in **Touching Evil** (ITV), DI Dave Creegan tackled a gang of rather elderly-looking teenagers who were attacking horses, apparently acting on orders received over the Internet. They also took drugs and listened to loud rave music. Groundbreaking stuff, huh?

6.00am Business Breakfast (77461)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (89119)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3679428)

9.20 Style Challenge (6113645)

9.45 Kilroy (T) (7468393)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (24119)

11.00 News (T) and weather (7219138)

11.05 The Great Escape (T) (7676138)

11.35 Real Rooms A London woman lets the team loose on her large Victorian lounge (7696652)

12.00 News (T) and weather (8846409)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (8584515)

12.35 Mary Berry at Home (9925515)

1.00 News (T) and weather (82206) **1.30** Regional News (86269428)

1.40 The Weather Show (99438515)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (40358157)

2.10 Quincy (r) (6197119)

2.55 Through the Keyhole (6856312)

3.20 Closet Secrets Nicky Taylor examines the 200-year history of knickers (6990683)

3.30 Playdays (r) (8719683) **3.50** Monster Cafe (6230577) **4.05** The New Yogi Bear Show (5179225) **4.10** Gadget Boy (4693867) **4.35** Out of Tune (r) (T) (1821683) **5.00** Newsround (T) (4089515) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (6858041)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (510683)

6.00 News (T) and weather (867)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (119)

7.00 Antiques Roadshow Hugh Scully looks at the work of Victorian designer William Burges and visits his medieval retreat, Castell Coch in Wales (T) (5480)

7.30 Tomorrow's World A genetics special, exploring the hidden dangers of the "brave new world" which could be here within ten years, affecting the way people live, love and die (T) (913)

8.00 The National Lottery Live Carol Smillie hosts the draw which aims to create midweek millionaires, featuring music from Speedy (T) (434503)

8.15 **Firefighters** New series following the work of Merseyside fire crews (T) (727799)

9.00 News (T) Regional News and weather. Followed by Lottery Update (2515)

9.30 **Backup** New series of the police drama. The team find the body of a teenage boy while investigating illegal boxing matches (T) (483225)

10.25 The X Files (r) (T) (806312)

11.10 Saturn 3 (1980) with Farrah Fawcett and Kirk Douglas. A couple of space-station dwellers are menaced by a scientist and his amorous android. Directed by Stanley Donen (T) (890596)

12.35am Pure Luck (1991) starring Martin Short, Danny Glover, Sheila Kelly and Sam Wanamaker. A wealthy businessman sends a disaster-prone accountant to Mexico to track down his missing daughter, much to the dismay of the private detective already assigned to the case. Directed by Nadia Tass (T) (5277184)

2.05 Weather (2193368)

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6.00am Open University: Coping with Queues (8938683) **6.25** Strike a Light (8917190) **6.50** Empowerment (8408003) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (3390393) **7.30** Philbert the Frog (3846886) **7.35** Buzzy Bee and Friends (3845157) **7.40** Eek! the Cat (3835770) **7.45** Thunderizards (3834041) **7.50** Buried Treasure (1612480) **8.10** Teenage Turtles (8442393) **8.35** Activ-8 (3703577) **9.00** Raccoons (26577) **9.30** Sweet Valley High (5921732) **9.55** Poddington Peas (3529645) **10.00** Teletubbies (74799) **10.30** The Adventures of Skippy (15461) **11.00** Madhur Jaffrey's Flavour of India (79732) **12.00** Making Tracks (39041) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (66683)

1.00 Philbert the Frog (85266732) **1.05** Buzzy Bee and Friends (85265003)

1.10 Look for the Silver Lining (1949) Musical retelling of the life of 1920s stage star Marilyn Miller. Directed by David Butler (68875206)

3.00 News (T) (6994409) **3.05** Making Babies (8571190) **3.55** News **4.00** Blockbusters (4671645) **4.20** Ready, Steady, Cook (5061848) **4.50** Esther (9099886) **5.20** Today's the Day (6843119) **5.50** Lifeline (r) (256409) **6.00** Star Trek: the Next Generation (355480) **6.45** The Ren and Stimpy Show (T) (673312)

Hypnotic Paul McKenna (7.10pm)

7.10 **The Chair** Oliver James delves into the psyche of the hypnotist Paul McKenna (904954)

7.30 Top Gear Motorsport The Le Mans qualifying weekend; the fourth round of the Eurocar Championship and two rounds of the rallycross competition from Ireland (645)

8.00 University Challenge The second semi-final, between the Open University and a team of medical students from Charing Cross (2770)

8.30 Home Front The Amateur Decorator of the Year is named. Last in series (T) (8577)

9.00 **Reputations** Profile of the philosopher Bertrand Russell (1/2) (7799)

10.00 Yes, Prime Minister (r) (T) (30770)

10.30 Newsnight (865225)

11.15 Ruby The formidable hostess chats to proprietor of *The Washington Post*, Katharine Graham, the actresses Carrie Fisher, Frances Barber, Meera Syal and the Marquess of Bath (183393)

11.55 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (653732)

12.25am Weather (9156707)

12.30 Learning Zone: O.U.: Design for an Alien World (21504) **1.00** Magnetic Fields in Space (28078) **1.30** Seeing with Electrons (41417) **2.00** Landmarks (11436) **4.00** English Heritage (87894) **4.30** Unicef in the Classroom (32271) **5.00** Basic Skills (85875) **5.30** Voluntary Matters (78900)

6.00am GMTV (4222886)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6121664)

9.55 Regional News (T) (3556799)

10.00 The Time, the Place (61225)

10.30 This Morning (T) (62468770)

12.20pm Regional News (T) (8835393)

12.30 News (T) and weather (9911312)

12.55 Shortland Street (9996003) **1.24** HTV Crimestoppers (85531022) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (70084409) **1.50** Afternoon Live (40324190) **2.20** Vanessa (T) (40512461)

2.50 Afternoon Live (2231041) **3.20** News (T) (6901799)

3.25 Regional News (T) (6993770)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (6254157) **3.40** Tots TV (r) (7875664) **3.50** Oscar and Friends (r) (5078138) **3.55** Sooty and Co (r) (8714138) **4.20** Tiny Toon Adventures (7166022) **4.40** Harry's Mad (r) (T) (9096799)

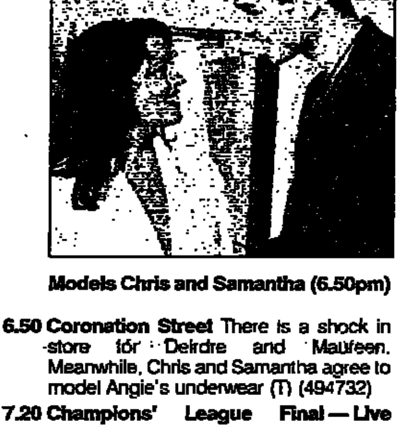
5.10 Bagdad Cafe (r) (7574225)

5.40 News (T) and weather (753461)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (537886)

6.25 HTV Weather (413867)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (658003)



Models Chris and Samantha (6.50pm)

6.50 Coronation Street There is a shock in store for Deirdre and Maureen. Meanwhile, Chris and Samantha agree to model Angie's underwear (T) (494732)

7.20 Champions' League Final — Live Borussia Dortmund v Juventus Bob Wilson introduces coverage of the European Cup Final from Munich's Olympic Stadium. (T) Followed by National Lottery Result (15703867)

NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to change and late running

9.30 Oddballs Eamonn Holmes presents a selection of sporting pitfalls (40645)

10.00 News (T) and weather (34596)

10.30 Regional News (T) (256683)

10.40 Twilight Zone: The Movie (1983) Anthology of four eerie tales based on the classic TV series with Albert Brooks, Dan Aykroyd, and Vic Morrow. Directed by John Landis, Joe Dante, Steven Spielberg, and George Miller (18669080)

12.35am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (3788639)

1.10 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (4836639)

1.35 Erik the Viking (1989) with Tim Robins, Terry Jones and John Cleese. Offbeat historical satire about a Viking becoming disillusioned with mayhem and plunder. Directed by and adapted from a Terry Jones book (890405)

3.15 Jones and Jury (r) (49937287)

3.40 Not Fade Away (r) (7320788)

4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (72462417)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (85829)

5.30 News (72726)

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9996003)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7574225)

6.25-6.50 Central News (611312)

10.40 Film: 1969 (98869288)

12.30am Sound Bites (6916233)

12.40 Dating the Enemy (4710504)

1.40 Bonkers (5683788)

2.45 The Chart Show (8323559)

3.25 Comedy Central (1342813)

4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (5047320)

5.20 Asian Eye (8575707)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (8742848)

1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (22813664)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7574225)

6.00-6.50 Westcountry Live (373886)

10.30 Westcountry News (247935)

10.45 Richard Digance for One Night Only (695577)

11.45 Swift Justice (714312)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9996003)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7574225)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (373886)

10.40 The Road Show (774138)

11.10 The Bottom Line (611596)

11.40 Swift Justice (540664)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9996003)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7574225)

6.23 Anglia Weather (414596)

6.25-6.50 Anglia News (611312)

10.40 Film: Sweet Poison (1991). A thriller directed by Brian Grant (18669080)

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Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (27729)

7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (30747)

9.00 Bewitched (9365664)

9.35 Sister, Sister (5936664)

10.05 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (3523461)

10.30 Crystal Maze (3514480)

11.35 The Pink Panther (1212480)

12.05pm California Dreams (5677799)

12.30 Ricki Lake (51751)

1.00 Slot Meithrin (38273044)

1.15 Lisabeth (33223549)

1.30 Collector's Lot (50022)

2.00 Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Islwyn '97 (178003)

4.30 Fifteen-to-One (312)

5.00 5Pump (8954)

5.30 Countdown (664)

6.00 Newyddion (151515)

6.05 Heno (515664)

6.35 Sion a Sian (420157)

7.00 Pobol y Cwm (625935)

7.25 Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Islwyn '97 (3083867)

8.30 Newyddion (3645)

9.00 Spin City (5225)

9.30 Roseanne (71515)

10.00 Brookside (171138)

10.35 ER (318732)

11.30 Caroline in the City (58751)

12.00am Under the Moon (5887707)

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (27729)

7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (30747) incorporating **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (9365664) **9.35** Sister, Sister (r) (5936664) **10.05** Hangin' with Mr Cooper (r) (T) (3523461) **10.30** Crystal Maze (r) (3514480) and **11.35** The Pink Panther (1191062)

12.00 California Dreams (r) (31409)

12.30pm Light Lunch (54577)

1.30 Carnival A student film by Susan Young evoking the sights and sounds of the Notting Hill Carnival (86252138)

1.40 That Lady (1955) with Olivia de Havilland, Gilbert Roland and, in his screen debut, Paul Scofield. A 16th-century widow angers the King of Spain by having an affair with one of his ministers. Directed by Terence Young (T) (94699916)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (393) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (428) **4.30** Countdown (T) (1815022) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (1976041)

5.30 Animal Passions John Nettles discovers the facts about dogs for deaf people and receives some culinary advice from television chef Rick Stein (T) (664)

6.00 Party of Five (T) (371428)

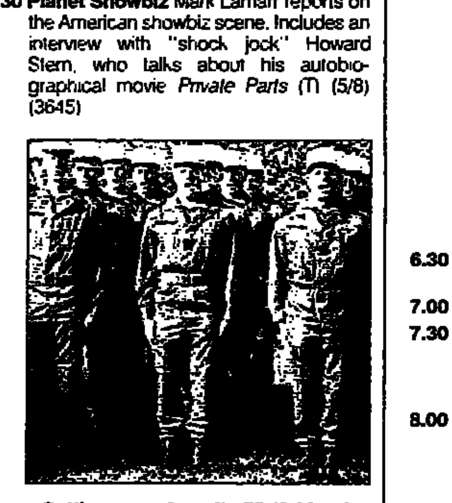
6.50 Fresh Pop (184003)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T). Includes headlines and weather at **7.30** (373206)

7.50 Best of Brass The latest from the All England Masters Brass Band Championship (324954)

8.00 Brookside Rachel does not know what to do about Christian. Elaine makes a decision that will affect Mick. And can Max convince Susannah that life is worth living? (T) (4138)

8.30 Planet Showbiz Mark Lamarr reports on the American showbiz scene. Includes an interview with "shock jock" Howard Stern, who talks about his autobiographical movie *Private Parts* (T) (5/8) (3645)



Getting away from it all? (9.00pm)

9.00 Foreign Legion A young man from Britain tackles the French Foreign Legion's tough training programme (r) (T) (1/2) (2867)

10.00 ER: Make a Wish Green's paranoia deepens upon his return to work. Carter considers a change of career. Carla goes into labour two months premature, which causes Benton to have a change of heart; and Ross has a surprise in store for Hathaway (T) (5954)

11.00 Friends Phoebe meets some long-lost family members (r) (T) (3570)

11.30 Roseanne Bev (Estelle Parsons) introduces her new girlfriend (Ruta Lee) (T) (58751)

12.00 Under the Moon Through-the-night sports magazine presented by Danny Kelly. Includes, at **2.30am** NBA XXL (5887707)

5.30 Backdate (r) (T) (70368)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt** decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02** and **7.20 MHz**

6.00 am 5 News Early (8335515) **7.30** Havakazoo (5180935) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8030157)

8.30 WideWorld Are we born knowing how to sing or to play a musical instrument, or is it an acquired skill? (8039428)

9.00 Espresso (r) (2060480) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (7647393) **10.30** Fame and Fortune (r) (8019664) **11.00** Leeza (9786664) **11.50** Double Espresso (34087954)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (8000916) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (4112935) **1.00** 5 News Update (49438954) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (3199577) **2.00** 5's Company (7611206)

3.30 The Toast of New York (1937, b/w) with Edward Arnold and Cary Grant. Biographical drama about New England pedlar Jim Fisk, who became a millionaire. Directed by Roland V. Lee (8306003)

5.30 100 Per Cent (9882157)

6.00 Whittle (T) (9872770)

Troubled times for the Harts (6.30pm)

6.30 Family Affairs Chris gets on everyone's nerves (T) (9863022)

7.00 Exclusive (8217913)

7.30 Flights of Fancy: Call of the Fish Eagle The Okavango Delta in Botswana, rich in fish, is home to many eagles (T) (9869206)

8.00 The Great Garden Game from Parnham House in Beaminster, Dorset, where the teams are required to plant a herb garden and make an original piece of topiary. Presented by Claire Bradley and Paul Hawkins (T) (2912521)

8.30 5 News (9962206)

9.00 The Murders in the Rue Morgue (1986) with George C Scott, Rebecca De Mornay, Ian McShane and Val Kilmer. Adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's thriller set in 19th-century Paris. Terror runs through a theatre company after several of its members are found murdered. Directed by Jeannot Szwarc (T) (93774857)

10.40 Exclusive Extra (3563931)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (5435732)

11.40 Tibs and Fibs Irreverent medical quiz with Niall Ashdown, Janet Street-Porter and Tony Slattery (5846041)

12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine featuring US major league baseball (40026419)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4604233)

5.30 100 Per Cent (2952417)

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (686867) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (47732) **10.00** Another World (39138) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (19374) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (92022) **1.00pm** Geraldo (11670) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (71570) **3.00** Jenny Jones (18596) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (97003) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9225) **6.00** Real TV (5515) **6.30** Married — with Children (6867) **7.00** The Simpsons (4634) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5751) **8.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (40683) **9.00** Melrose Place (37119) **10.00** Silk Stalkings (30206) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (30867) **12.00** America's Dumbest Criminals (17813) **12.30am** L.A.P.D. (78435) **1.00** Hit Mix Long Play (9747829)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (3812022) **7.30** Superboy (3609664) **8.00** Renegade (7831022) **9.00** New York Undercover (7851896) **10.00** Water Rats (7821645) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (4771409) **12.00** Hit Mix Long Play (4858610)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Amore! (1993) (72848) **8.00 The Pagemaster (1994)** (93012157) **9.40 Lady Jane (1986)** (33821567) **12.00 Amore! (1993)** (89645) **2.00pm Politman (1994)** (54896) **4.00 September (1988)** (37967) **5.30 The Pagemaster (1994)** (57130) **7.00 Hercules and the Amazon Women (1994)** (29751) **9.00 Knightrider 2010 (1995)** (45138) **11.00 Forbidden Passions (1995)** (968577) **12.40am Never Say Never: The Deidre Hall Story (1995)** (711294) **2.15 Closer and Closer (1995)** (177788) **3.50 Dead Air (1994)** (52165894)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.10am The Man from Colorado (1948) (92540799) **8.00 My Little Pony: The Movie (1986)** (97664) **10.00 Pardners (1956)** (62645) **12.00 The Scout (1994)** (10515) **2.00pm Gunga Din (1939)** (52428) **4.00 Leapin' Leprechauns! (1995)** (2799) **6.00 Black Feather (1995)** (55751) **7.30 El News Week in Review** (8461) **8.00 Legends of the Fall (1995)** (64556683) **10.15 Clockwork Mice (1995)** (988634) **11.55 Shake, Rattle and Rock! (1994)** (646022) **1.20am City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold (1994)** (201368) **3.15 Awake to Danger (1995)** (341454) **4.50 Leapin' Leprechauns! (1995)** (1261078)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm A Night at the Opera (1935) (2548916) **8.00 Explorers (1985)** (2543461) **10.00 Aliens (1986)** (57514886) **12.20am The Pope of Greenwich Village (1984)** (8724813) **2.20 Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers (1967)** (85842813) **3.35-5.10 El Greco (1966)** (8424252)

TNT

9.00pm International Velvet (1978) (37083022) **11.00 Johnny Eager (1942)** (65272515) **1.00am The Roaring Twenties (1934)** (75799691) **2.50-5.00 The Best House in London (1969)** (79424417)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (69393) **7.30** Wrestling: Live Wire (11312) **8.30** Racing News (89683) **9.00** Skill Sailing (70935) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (16225) **10.00** Benson and Hedges Cup Cricket (26935) **11.30** Skill Sailing (52954) **12.00** Super League (32751) **2.00pm** The Lions on Tour: Live Rugby Union (361751) **4.30** Skill Sailing (9596) **4.59** Sports Centre (6083206) **5.00** Wrestling: Shotgun Challenge (4799) **6.00** Sports Centre (5931) **6.30** The Lions on Tour: Rugby Union (38916) **8.29** Sports Centre (712480) **8.30** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (59770) **10.00** Sports Centre (91428) **10.30** The Pavilion End (42916) **11.30** Futbol Mundial (58799) **12.00** Sports Centre (35287) **12.30am** Full Throttle Motorcycling (11120) **1.00** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (14146) **2.30-3.00** Sports Centre (36707)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Watersports World (9563588) **1.00pm** Golf Extra (30369751) **3.30** NBA Basketball (82579664) **5.30** Skill Sailing (23240751) **6.00** Full Throttle Motorcycling (23247664) **6.30** The Winning Post: Live, Horse Racing (82589428) **8.30** Golf Extra (73073003) **11.00-11.30** Golf: European Tour (69266312)

EUROSPORT

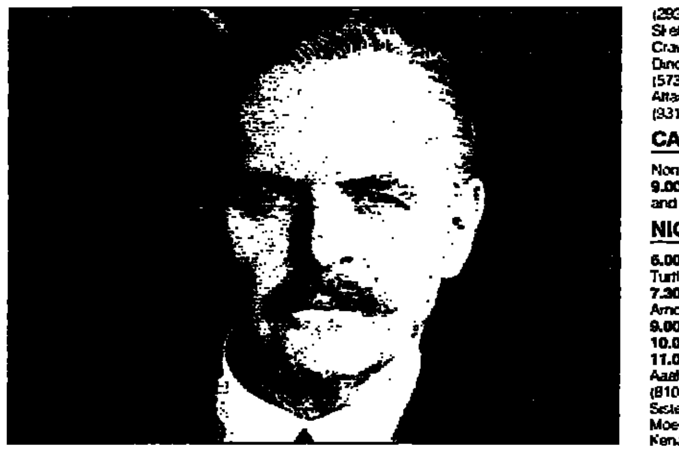
7.30am Rhythmic Gymnastics (74208) **9.30** Kick Magazine (76503) **10.00** Tennis: French Open — Live (9508409) **7.00pm** Football: Toulon Under-21 Cup (32596) **8.30** Football: Toulon Under-21 Cup (8751) **9.00** Boxing (93799) **10.00** Tennis: French Open Rendez-Vous (96886) **11.00** Tennis: ATP Tour Review (38374) **11.30** Slam Magazine (43867) **12.00-12.30am** Motocross: Foxhill Grand Prix (57455)

UK GOLD

7.00am Record Breakers (8737409) **7.35** Neighbours (6111732) **8.00** Crossroads (8821645) **8.25** EastEnders (4399770) **9.00** The Bill (7708577) **9.30** You're Only Young Twice (4945409) **10.00** Duty Free (4885480) **10.30** The Sullivans (7797461) **11.00** Casualty (63826521) **12.05** Crossroads (86459225) **12.30pm** Neighbours (4949225) **1.00** EastEnders (8506157) **1.35** On the Up (8354770) **2.10** A Little Bit of Dawson (94767770) **2.20** Sorry! (6477393) **2.55** Spring and Autumn (9615867) **3.30** The Bill (3831916) **4.00** Boon (3345515) **5.00** Generation Game (63967864) **6.05** EastEnders (8678062) **6.40** Sykes (5637536) **7.20** Russ Abbot (5612206) **7.50** Rising Damp (7198954) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (6315157) **9.00** The Bill (3341799) **9.30** The Paradise Club (47610409) **10.35** Sports Anorak of the Year (7700577) **11.10 FILM: The Ipcress File** (2780645) **1.05** The Equalizer (5572542) **2.05** Pop Profile (72985232) **2.20** Shopping (75020981)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (4031886) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (6977119) **7.30** Families (6989954) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (1009428) **9.00** The Professionals (7018157) **10.00** Richard and Judy Exclusive (9936751) **10.30** Doctor at Large (9394683) **11.00** The Gentle Touch (6965374) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (8385935) **12.30pm** Families (2258175) **1.00** Crown Court (6869190) **1.30** The Good Life Guide (3608616) **2.00** A Family at War (9937480) **3.00** The Gentle Touch (9124022) **4.00** Surprise, Surprise (9143157) **5.00** The Professionals (3475287) **6.00** Families (2938515) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (2929867) **7.00** Surprise, Surprise (6290515) **8.00** The Gentle Touch (6276935) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (9132041) **9.30** The Comedians (6658931) **10.00-11.00** The Professionals (6299886)



Anthony Hopkins in *Legends of the Fall* (Movie Channel, 8.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am FILM: Gumby the Movie (81758729) **7.40** Aladdin (4765799) **8.05** Quack Pack Double Bill (8755577) **9.05** Timon and Pumbaa Bumper Bundle (3450428) **10.05** Aladdin (2816409) **11.05** Quack Attack (3282751) **11.30** Microscopic Milton (4835577) **11.35** Big Garage (9496683) **11.50** Lamb Chop's Play Along (2002799) **12.20pm** Mouse and Mole (7207596) **12.25** Fraggle Rock (3773041) **12.50** Sing Me a Story with Belle (4437041) **1.10** The Care Bears (31039041) **1.35** Mouse Tracks (60731954) **2.00** Timon and Pumbaa (77034799) **2.10** Quack Pack (24905886) **2.35** The Little Mermaid (7490454) **3.00** Timon and Pumbaa Double Bill (89022) **4.00** Goof Troop (7203596) **4.25** Aladdin Double Bill (9980003) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (4698008) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (488645) **6.00** Brand Spanking New Doug (3515) **6.30** Boy Meets World (4867) **7.00** Brotherly Love (1480) **7.30 FILM: Ava's Magical Adventure** (63138) **9.00-10.00** Touched by an Angel (34683)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (9971393) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (9290799) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (4755461) **7.30** Eagle Riders (4774596) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (2932003) **8.30** Mortal Kombat (2931374) **9.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (2955954) **9.30** Masked Rider (4786119) **10.00** X Men (9274751) **10.30** The Tick (2951138) **11.00** Life with Louie (6107732) **11.30** C Bear and Jamal (6108461) **12.00** Skysurfer Strikeforce (2935190) **12.30pm** Extreme Heroes (4780935) **1.00** Highlander (4754732) **1.30** Eagle Riders (4789206) **2.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (3815206) **2.30** Mortal Kombat (3628799) **3.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (3820041) **3.30** Masked Rider (3690916) **4.00** Top 10 (3602751) **4.30** Top 10 (3608935) **5.00** Life with Louie (3832686) **5.30** Spiderman (3622515) **6.00** X Men (3629428) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (3603480)

TCC

6.00am Spirou (45312) **6.30** Inspector Gadget... Iznogoud (33003) **7.00** Where's Wally? (64461) **7.30** Art Attack (83596) **8.00** Dennis the Menace (26138) **8.30** Batman (25409) **9.00** Battletech (94931) **9.30** Skeleton Warriors (45751) **10.00** Creepy Crawlers (57683) **10.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (94995) **11.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (80751) **11.30** Flash Gordon (81480) **12.00** Stunt Dawgs (29225) **12.30pm** Battletech (56867) **1.00** Skeleton Warriors (63732) **1.30** Creepy Crawlers (55138) **2.00** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (8698) **2.30** Sonic the Hedgehog (5732) **3.00** Flash Gordon (9645) **3.30** Art Attack (7577) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (3312) **4.30-5.00** Batman (5596)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm** Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Hero Turtles (14428) **6.30** Hero Turtles (36577) **7.00** Bruno the Kid (67935) **7.30** Bruno the Kid (79770) **8.00** Hey Arnold! (88954) **8.30** Hey Arnold! (87225) **9.00** Rugrats (78577) **9.30** Rugrats (14867) **10.00** Doug (50157) **10.30** Doug (67461) **11.00** Aaahh! Real Monsters (59867) **11.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (50596) **12.00** Rocko (81041) **12.30pm** Rocko (16683) **1.00** Sister (66206) **1.30** Sister (17954) **2.00** Moesha (2954) **2.30** Moesha (7374) **3.00** Kenan and Kel (1461) **3.30** Kenan and Kel (9119) **4.00** WOW (1954) **4.30** WOW (7138) **5.00** WOW (3206) **5.30** WOW (1190) **6.00** Sabrina (8003) **6.30-7.00** Sabrina (2683)

TROUBLE

12.00 Heartbreak High (4953428) **1.00pm** Madison (8728312) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (4933664) **2.00** Hangtime (4234935) **2.30** California Dreams (3854867) **3.00** Byker Grove (4246770) **3.30** Blast (3859312) **4.00** Sweet Valley High (3845119) **4.30** Hangtime (3834003) **5.00** Saved by the Bell (4258515) **5.30** California Dreams (3858683) **6.00** Byker Grove (3855596) **6.30** Madison (3846848) **7.00-8.00** Heartbreak High (8033799)

BRAVO

8.00pm New Twilight Zone (4254799) **8.30** New Twilight Zone (4233206) **9.00** Monsters (3336867) **9.30** Twisted (4954157) **10.00** Tour of Duty (8025770) **11.00 FILM: Bull Durham** (2113886) **1.00am** Starsky and Hutch (4544900) **2.00** Tour of Duty (7792455) **3.00 FILM: Storyville** (3037726) **5.00** New Twilight Zone (8283558) **5.30** New Twilight Zone (4719233)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (6770) **7.30** Roseanne (8867) **8.00** Entertainment UK (2190) **8.30** Almost Perfect (1225) **9.00** Cheers (39003) **9.30** Cybill (76549) **10.00** Frasier (82770) **10.30** Monty Python's Flying Circus (65190) **11.00** Comedy Store (41848) **11.30** Nightstand (84683) **12.30** Sledgehammer (33342) **1.00am** Cheers (70078) **1.30** Cybill (19455) **2.00** Entertainment UK (48542) **2.30** Comedy Store (34349) **3.00** Frasier (83542) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (21509)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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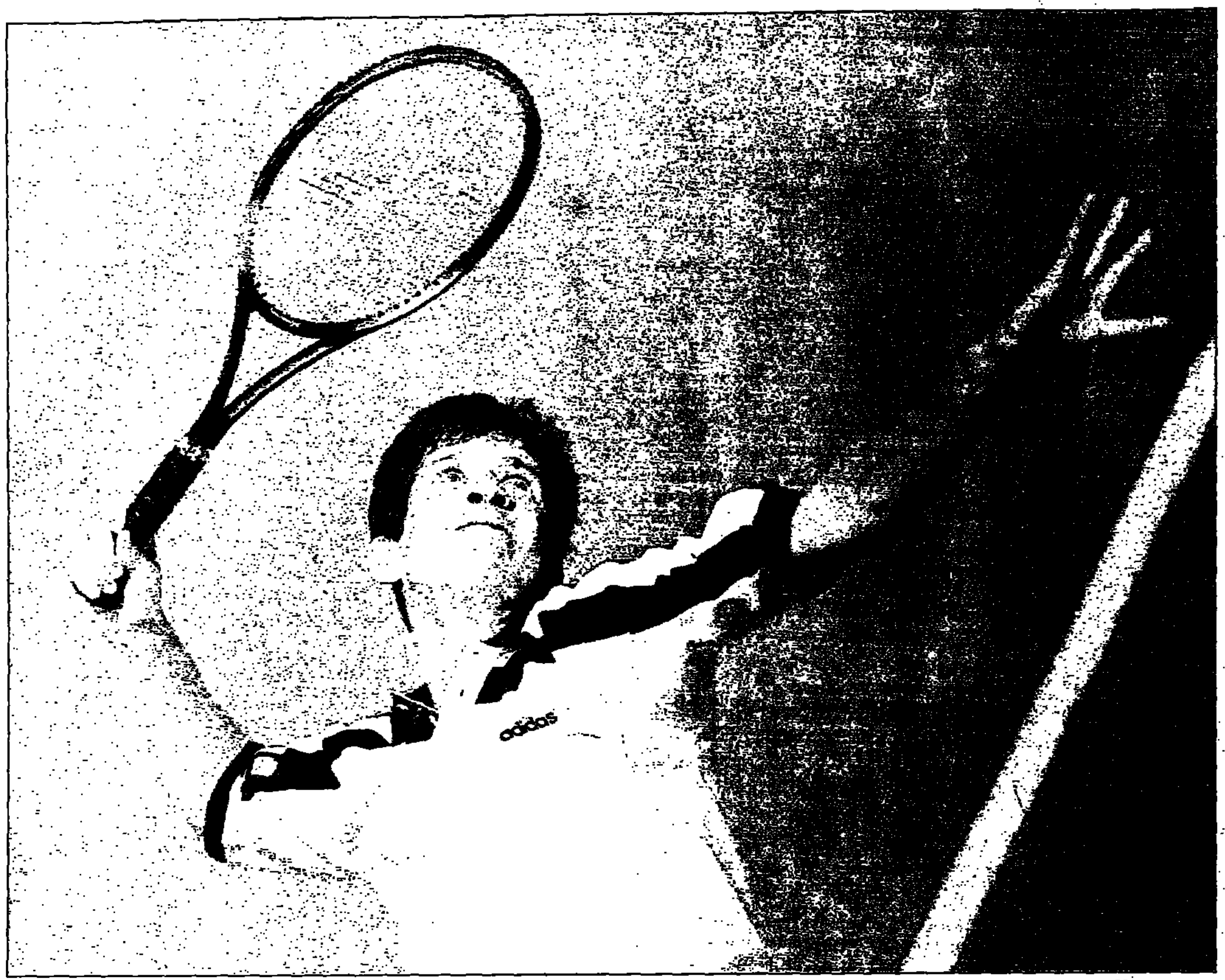
Leading Briton beaten in first round of French Open

Henman grounded on clay

FROM ROB HUGHES
IN PARIS



Henman serves during his first-round defeat by Delaître, of France, at Roland Garros yesterday. Photograph: Mike Hewitt / Allsport

THE idea of Britain making a lasting imprint on the French Open was ground into the red dust at lunchtime yesterday when Tim Henman followed Greg Rusedski as a first-*round loser* at Roland Garros. It will do nothing for *Henman's peace of mind*, nothing for the British reputation abroad, that, before nightfall here, the pair could hide in the long shadow of Goran Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed, who also gained nothing *but an early plane ticket to* England, the longer to practise *on grass before Wimble*don, after losing to Magnus Gustafsson.

Henman, to his credit, made no excuses; neither his recent troubles with tennis elbow, nor the lack of preparation he in particular, and the British in general, have on this *slow, testing clay surface. In* truth, it was just as well, for while he has adaptable gifts and a combative temperament. *Henman yesterday* lacked the discipline that long groundstroke exchanges demand.

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Yet he came out positively, as if he truly believed in his form, his fitness, his pedigree. *Why not? His opponent*, Olivier Delaitre, who will be 30 on Sunday, is a seasoned professional yet a man who has considered early retirement, such has been his own lack of impact on the game.

Delaitre *stands* at 159th on the dreaded computer that ranks *these players*. At 5ft 7in, he is short and stocky by the standards of modern tennis, but he is also obdurate, busy and obviously better acquainted *with the courts*.

With guile, with the know*ledge of when to mix the pace*, and with an appreciable down-the-line backhand winner, Delaitre claimed the opening set 6-2, in 33 minutes. The thin clouds and the breeze were giving the players respite *from the previous day's in*tense sun, and even with such a reverse in the opening set, it seemed that if Henman remained calm, gathered some patience and some trust in his *service game, then he had the* weapons to tame this *Frenchman*.

"It's hard playing the French here, because they know how the balls work on the court." Rusedski observed from the gallery at the back of No 2 Court. Not too hard, for *Henman required just 26 min*utes to sweep through Delaitre's guard and take the second set, again 6-2. And when he maintained his thrust, when his first service aces outnumbered his double-faults, the third set followed *just as swiftly, 6-1. By then* Rusedski had left, having a plane to catch to England. His parting shot had been to predict, when Henman led in the third: "Trust me, Tim has this one won."

Rusedski was forgetting the British clay-court experience of recent years. Not since 1977, when Buster Mottram reached the fourth round, and, before that, when Roger Taylor muscled his way to the *quarter-finals* in 1973, has Britain sustained anything in France. *Only in the past* couple of years have some of the vast profits from Wimbledon been invested in clay courts and British players still have insufficient practice on *such terrain*.

The core of Henman's defeat came in the third game of the fourth set. By then the sun was again relentless, and so was Delaitre's persistence. Henman took 26 minutes — *equal to the time of the second* set — to lose a service game: it contained 13 deuces, eight break points, an enormous locking of wills.

"I knew it was the critical game," Henman said. "Unfor*tunately, I lost it on my own* service, and it was a pretty *long ordeal*." Delaitre said that at that point he felt, "*If I* could break him, then physically I was stronger, because Tim had lost two or three months after his elbow opera*tion*". *The Frenchman added*: "He is a good player, maybe it will be tough for him to win the French, but I think he can be a really good player on clay."

Once that game was lost, and the set went 6-2 against Henman, the signs of weariness became etched *into his* face. Henman had only once before played five sets, at Wimbledon last year. And if the pressure and the demands *on stamina* were alien to him as this struggle moved into its *third hour, then at least he had* the pluck to slug out the final set, game for game. It was Henman who finally cracked, conceding his service to trail 5-4 and then allowing Delaitre to serve to love and to claim the spoils after three hours and 33 *minutes*.

On grass over the next month, Henman will be better attuned, released to play his serve-and-volley game. Yet he hankers to be more rounded than that, he talks of improv*ing his clay-court tennis* ... and sooner than is good for Britain he will get another chance, for the Davis Cup contest in the Ukraine follows Wimbledon, and the Ukraine plan to offer Britain clay courts.

Gascoigne has case of the birthday blues

BY *OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT*

IT STARTED with a joke *and* a little self-deprecation. "I have had my teeth done now anyway," Paul Gascoigne said to general bemusement. He *stared out at* a *sea* of blank faces and repeated it to see if the *penny would drop. Then* he tired of the game and delivered the punchline. "So I won't be needing the Dentist's Chair."

That was the end of the laughter, the end of anything *that might even remotely re*call his reputation as being "daft as a brush". Yesterday, it was his birthday and Gascoigne hung one more year on the line with the sad, disillusioned demeanour of one far more advanced in years.

In the past, they have acted *as a curious kind of confes*sional, these occasions when he is brought out after England training sessions to face the ranks of media he has come to regard as his persecutors. Sometimes, he has bared *his soul about his darkest* secrets, but yesterday, on the day that he turned 30, *he* sought refuge in despair that mingled threats with pleas for clemency and peace.

The irony was that he looked fitter and *abler than* any of us had dared hope for after he was carried from the pitch with a calf injury in the dying seconds of Saturday's friendly win over South Africa at Old Trafford. Barring any *further setbacks, he should be* fit to take on Poland in the vital World Cup qualifier in Katowice on Saturday, a potentially significant creative consolation for the damaging news yesterday that Tony Adams, England's *defensive* kingpin, had failed to cajole his troublesome ankle back to fitness and had already been ruled out. Either Martin Keown, his club colleague, or Gareth Southgate is likely to replace him.

Gascoigne's own swift recovery, *though, seemed to give* him limited solace. He was fed up with being harrassed by photographers, he said, he had enough of being sharply criticised in the press, however he had played. The misery of it *was etched on his face and he* hinted that he was considering a premature retirement.

At first, he retreated into a couple of carefully-prepared mantras. "There are 22 players in the squad," was the first. "*I am one of them. If I am* playing, I'm playing. If I'm not, I'm not." The second was shorter. "I am *just enjoying* playing my football," it went. "It is as simple as that."

Gradually, though, his anger surfaced. "I did well on Saturday and I still got stick for it," he said. "Too fat, too thin, the *same story. It* was all people saying: 'He should beat five players, can't he do that any more?'

"It had got to the stage when I used to go on the pitch and I was thinking: 'I must do this *or I must do that or I am* going to get slaughtered.' But I know now that, whatever I do, I am going to get hammered, so I just do what is best for Paul Gascoigne and what is best for the team. I am just trying to *relax myself* and enjoy the game, but I feel angry at the *way I have been treated and I* have taken that on to the pitch with me.

"At the end of the day, a lot of footballers do things outside football, but *not* a lot of them get a photographer following them everywhere. *People* photographing his wife and kid outside their school. I have got all that.

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"That is the price for me and they can follow me all over the place, but, when it comes to *sticking a camera in my little* son's eyes and half-blinding the kid for half the day with the flash, I disagree with that. If the time comes when I have had enough, then I will have had enough.

"*People ask me if I will be* able to play for another five years. If I keep on getting hammered the way I am, then, if I think I have had enough, I will do what is best for me."

By now, his depression was *mounting. He said he had* been offered the England captaincy for a game last year, but turned it down for fear of the opprobrium that would have been heaped upon him.

"I would have got slaugh*tered again," he said*. "They would have said: 'Why should a guy like that with the things he has done on and off the pitch be captain'." If that was Gascoigne's *adieu* to his youth, it sounded suspiciously like a good riddance.

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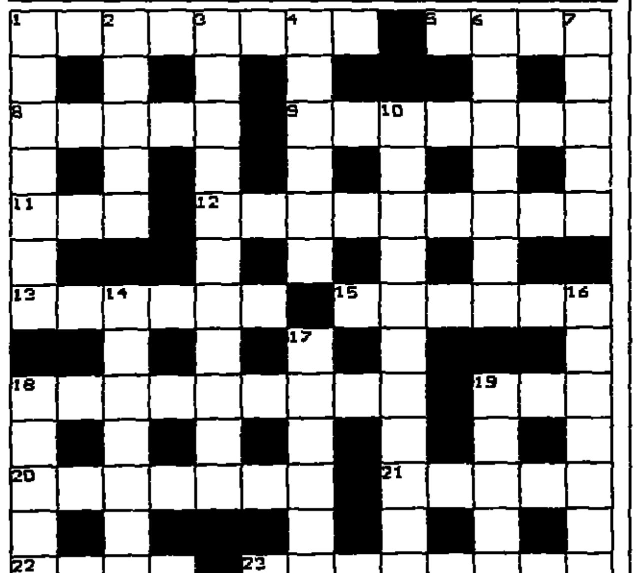

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Taylor's travails continue as Australia struggle again

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

BRISTOL (first day of three: the Australians won toss): Gloucestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 196 runs behind the Australians

A ONE-EYED *person might* say that Gloucestershire did England proud yesterday. They bowled out the touring team for 249 and conceded only one wicket in reply. So Australia's wretched start to the summer continues. With the first Test a week away, *every over, every ball even, is* vital, and they will not be *happy with their performance* yesterday.

It was not an ideal pitch on which batsmen could rediscover some form, although Mark Waugh, *in that incom*parably languid way, made batting look the easiest thing in the world for two hours. It rained heavily in Bristol last week and there was neither pace nor bounce. It was a day *for grinding out runs, and* Australia did not grind out nearly enough.

The first and most significant failure was Mark Taylor's. *It has long since passed* the stage of mislaid form; it is now a matter of lost belief. To watch him walk back to the pavilion four balls after he left it, a broken man, was almost impertinent.

Taylor was completely turned round by Mike Smith, *the left-arm swing bowler*, who defeated him with late movement. The edge carried low to Jack Russell, who caught it in front of first slip. Taylor has another innings here, and two more at Derby, to justify his place in the side. At the moment, he has not got a *run in him*.

The captain is not alone in *his unpreparedness. Matthew* Elliott and Justin Langer, the other left-handers at the top of the order, were out cheaply as three wickets went down for 21. Jonathan Lewis, who owed *his place to David Lawrence's* rib injury, had them both *caught behind: Elliott glanc*ing, Langer driving.

Steve Waugh: top score

There followed an innings of such glory from Mark Waugh that it was possible to watch two games at the same time. He got off the mark with a clipped boundary through mid-wicket that he has practi*cally patented, and hit ten* more on his way to fifty. It was *majestic* batting.

On such a slow pitch, he reasoned, a batsman had to go to meet the ball — and that is how he perished, advancing to *drive Richard Davis, the left*-arm spinner, to mid-on. He was on 66, and could have poked it about until lunch, which was an over away. But he bats the way he bats and, thank goodness, he will never change.

A measure of his quality was the struggle his twin, Steve, had in timing the ball early in his innings. By the *time he played on to Smith for* 92, cramped for space by one that came back into him, he had spanked some gorgeous off drives of his own.

Bevan was in the *mood to* get his head down until he edged a loose drive to slip. Healy finished unbeaten on 30 as Ball went through the tail. Gloucestershire then lost Wright, who became Gilles*pie's hundredth first-class* wicket, but Taylor's day was not over. He missed a difficult chance at slip when Trainor, on 31, slashed Warne. It never rains . . .

BRISTOL SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

*M A Taylor c Russell b Smith	0
M T G Elliott c Russell b Lewis	6
J L Langer c Russell b Lewis	6
M E Waugh c Smith b Davis	66
S R Waugh b Smith	92
M G Bevan c Wright b Lewis	18
†I A Healy not out	30
S K Warne c Young b Lewis	5
M S Kasprowicz b Ball	16
J N Gillespie c Hancock b Ball	3
G D McGrath st Russell b Ball	0
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total	249

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-10, 3-21, 4-117, 5-184, 6-205, 7-217, 8-241, 9-249

BOWLING: Smith 11-3-26-2; Lewis 19-2-89-4; Alleyne 7-2-26-0; Hancock 6-1-29-0; Davis 11-3-20-1; Ball 17.4-3-56-3.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

N J Trainor not out	38
A J Wright lbw b Gillespie	16
R P Davis not out	0
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	53

R J Cunliffe, T H C Hancock, S Young, *M W Alleyne, †R C Russell, M C J Ball, J J Lewis and A M Smith to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-52

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 5-0-22-0; McGrath 7-5-6-0; Warne 10-4-13-0; Gillespie 8-4-11-1

Umpires: G I Burgess and P Adams

Celebrated venue for Solheim Cup match

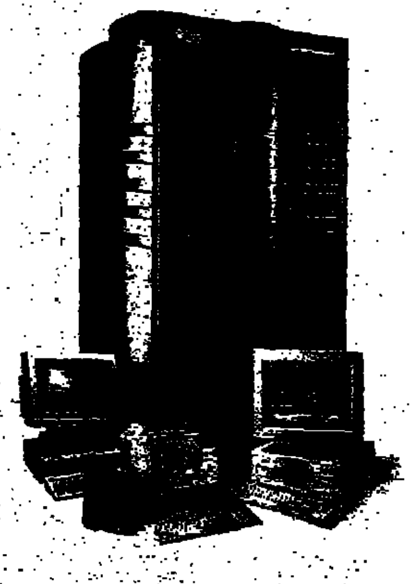
BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE Solheim Cup, the equiv*alent for Europe's women* professional golfers of the Ryder Cup, *is to be played* at Sunningdale in 2000, when it is next staged on this side of the Atlantic. It will be the sixth holding of the event that was first played at Lake Nona, Orlando, Florida, in 1990; and in *which the Americans* hold a series lead of 3-1.

The *Old Course* at Sunningdale, as much admired in the United States as in Britain, and one that is steeped in history, is an appropriate venue in its centenary year. It was here that *Bobby Jones, the American* amateur, had his famous round of 66 — 33 putts and 33 strokes — when qualifying for the 1926 Open. Eight European Opens on the men's tour have been held at the Old Course, where the Weetabix Women's British Open will be staged in August. During the 1970s, Sunningdale hosted the Colgate Ladies European *Championships*.

The date is not finalised. "It cannot be in September because of the Sydney Olympics," Terry Coates, chief exec*utive of the Women Profes*sional Golfers' European Tour, said. "So it will be either August or October."

The trophy was donated by Karsten Solheim, the club manufacturer, and named after him. "Karsten wanted a venue that would take the cup forward," Coates said. "We intend to make certain the venue lives up to the prestige *of the event*."



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